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A Word from GB



Your committee has everything organised for the coming year of outings, visits and Pre War run to the Flinders. At our February Committee it was decided to arrange the purchase of a portable Defibulator for the clubrooms. Chris Cutting through a Doctor contact found that the Red Cross were offering a special deal up to the end of the month, so we purchased one and have now hung it on the wall of the clubrooms. It's an automatic unit that talks to you and tells you how to use it. Further training is planned for the club members at a later date.

What a change has taken place to all of our social life in the period of a week!

Most of us are now spending our complete day in isolation. Thank goodness for social media and the telephone.

We closed all of the Club events which included meetings, outings, trips arranged to the Flinders, cancellation of guest speakers and motor sport. Our timing team who attended the Melbourne F1 GP were sent home as the race was cancelled. Motor race timing has been put on hold as all speed events have been cancelled until further notice.

The Austin 7 Club of SA Inc will remain closed until the restrictions are lifted by the Government.

During this Coronavirus period I ask that you look after yourself and stay safe. Call your friends on a regular basis to assist in maintaining your sanity, and do all those little jobs that you did not have time to do before this isolation.

If you want any more information about what is happening give me a call at anytime.

In the meantime let me welcome our recent new members:

Lewis BISHOP; Craig BOWYER; Benjamin HILL; Eden WILLIAMS;
Sam ROCHESTER; Barrie WARD; Susan WARD; Margaret BOEHM;
James MILNE; Tom BRYANT; Ken NELSON; Martin TAYLOR;
David PRITCHARD; Ty JARMAN; Andrew SCHIGULSKI; Monday MCGILL;
Chris THIELE; and Geoff SAM.

Graham Buesnel

President

COMING EVENTS for 2020

The club will re-start events and meetings only upon allowance by the Federal and State Governments.

The Club will contact members when this happens.

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The club has a variety of items of interest to members which are available from the Treasurer each meeting at the clubrooms.

Austin 7 Club Decal small:	\$1.00
Austin 7 Club Decal large	\$2.00
Austin script hat/lapel badge:	\$3.00
Austin 7 Club Cap	\$12.50
Austin 7 Club Hat	\$15.00
Austin 7 Club Badge Metal Radiator	\$22.00
Austin 7 Club 50 th year history book:	\$20.00
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Austin 7 Short Sleeve Dark Blue Polo Shirt	\$34.00 sizes S,M,L,XL & XXL.
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Over the past few months there has been movement in the Conditional Registration of vehicles over 30 years of age in a couple of other states.

New South Wales has just commenced a log book scheme where 60 days of usage is allowed over and above Club events where a log book endorsement is not required. Vehicles need to be inspected by approved Club Inspectors, and you must carry your membership card with you when driving the vehicle.

Western Australia is looking into a better scheme (for them) where the cost will be 25% of normal registration fee, the vehicle to be used on Club shows events only, the vehicle is subject to annual inspection and a registration label displayed on the windscreen.

So, when you look at the South Australian Club Registration Scheme you will soon notice how far generous the scheme rules are here. 90 days of usage for whatever purpose you like, Club events, any invitation event, going to work, or just going for a drive to have a cappuccino, no requirement to contact the club to seek permission or obtain a permit to go for a drive. No inspection of vehicle, no registration label to display (just like your modern), and the freedom to use any registration plate available by DPTI. All you have to do is to maintain your membership of this Club, and keep your Club Registration Log Book up to date with that current membership.

When you have your vehicle registered as a Club Vehicle, you save more than 80% over normal full registration fees, also your comprehensive Insurance costs are also markedly reduced by your insurer.

It all paints a picture of a healthy industry in this state of club vehicle usage and keeping your vehicle on the road with local maintenance by local garage mechanics.

Vale Bob Gell

It is with sorrow that we report on the death of Club member **Bob Gell** on 10 December at the age of 73 years after a short illness

Bob, with his wife Christine had been an Austin 7 Club member for 20 years and was the proud owner of his Vanden Plas Princess 1100 and is shown here receiving the *Popular Choice Award* from me at *Austins Over Australia 2019 presentation night* in October. Bob was a man of tradition but was also involved in the new emerging battery technology for motor vehicles.



Barry Frost

Kristen Bailey appointed to *Motorsport Australia* board

A bit of background info: before her circuit competition, Kristen, as President of the Scouts Motor Sport Club, was involved in training teenagers to be motor sport drivers and was also with the Junior Development Program. These efforts led to her being appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Women in Motor Sport Commission of CAMS in January 2019.



Kristen began competing in our Modern Regularity events in 2013. She liked what we were doing so then joined our Club in May 2014. She has been a regular since then and, as keen readers of the TTM reports in this Journal will know, is a very competent and successful award-winning driver – the most notable the **2019 Ladies Trophy**.

At the November 2019 CAMS State council meeting, she was elected as the replacement for A7C member Bob Piper's Board position, as Bob had indicated his wish to resign early.

On his resignation soon after, Kristen then became the first SA representative on the new **Motorsport Australia** board.

On behalf of all A7C members, I offer my sincere Congratulations to Kristen.

Barry Frost



The 2019 **Track Time Motorsport** Awards

On Saturday 18th January 2020, the **A7C/Track Time Motorsport Regularity Awards** were held at the Royal Coach Motel. Organised by Tony Morgan, the night attracted 80 guests, including A7CSA President Graham Buesnel, *Motorsport Australia Board member* Kristen Bailey, *Motorsport Australia State Chairman* Adrian Flynn and *Former Vice-President of CAMS* Bob Piper. Also present were drivers, crew, wives, husbands, friends and officials, for a 3-course meal. All were entertained before the presentations with quizzes and other prize-giving revelry and the usual rivalry/hilarity from the “ladies” about who gets to pick a stuffed toy!

Before the awards presentations began, Tony reported that in 2019 there were:-

- * 83 entrants, including 13 women in Ladies Trophy and general competition
- * 21 Rookies - resulting in 104 drivers competing over the year.

Twenty two new drivers took advantage of our “Come and Try” day on 31st March, with several of them graduating to the Regularity events.

Tony thanked *Darryl Brigg* for his continuing sponsorship of all meetings and especially the Ladies Trophy awards and for supplying cars for several of the Ladies; and also thanked officials from *SAMROA*, *Women for Wheels*, the *SA Motorsport Scrutineer’s Association* and the *A7C timing team* for their continuing support.

Tony again showcased his excellent videoing and editing skills with the film/soundtrack of the year’s events. *Graham Buesnel* presented the placegetter’s trophies from the individual meetings and then *Darryl Brigg* presented the annual trophies to the following -

2019 A7 Club SA Championship

1st Anthony Verner, 2nd Jordan Johnston, 3rd Sandy Watters

2019 TTM Trophy

1st Jordan Johnston, 2nd Sandy Watters, 3rd Anthony Verner

2019 TTM Ladies Trophy

1st Kristen Bailey, 2nd Sandy Watters, 3rd Katrina Nelson

2019 TTM Rookies Cup

1st Maureen Maurer, 2nd Kathryn Page, 3rd Steve Alexander

And new for this year was this trophy – sponsored by the ladies over four rounds!

2019 TTM Gentleman's Trophy

1st Jordan Johnston, 2nd Anthony Verner, 3rd Jason Thiele

Tony then presented a series of “special awards”, which had been highlighted on the video, show-casing various “oops” moments by drivers and crews – all were well received and gave a comic relief to the end of the trophy giving.

Katrina Nelson presented Tony with a gift of sincere appreciation on behalf of all competitors for his efforts in organising the year's meetings.

So, everyone enjoyed an entertaining night, with sincere congratulations to all winners. Thanks to the A7C committee and Tony for sponsoring/organising it and extra-special thanks to our series/awards sponsors – *Daryl Brigg; Amcomm Technologies; Showtrek (Steve Conroy); and Hampstead Auto Repairs (Dave Zollo).*

Barry and Rae Frost

On Australia Day 26 January 2020, The Sports Car Drivers Club organized a revival day at the Glen Ewin Winery to relive some memories of the event at the old Jam Factory back in the late forties. Originally organized in the late forties by the Vintage Sports Car Club, Sporting Car Club and Atujara Motor Cycle Club, Austin 7's were well represented in those early events.

Two members attended this casual display day, David Grear and Ian Motley presented their Austins at Glen Ewin, now more used as a winery.



Australia Day Run to Walker Flat 26 January 2020

12 people in 7 cars met at Mt Pleasant on Australia Day morning and headed for the Murray Mallee Auto Club's annual picnic day at Walker Flat.

There weren't as many participants compared with previous years, but that gave everybody a bit of room to spread out and enjoy the tranquillity of the river and have our lunch on the riverbank lawns. Temperature got to about 28° with no clouds and little breeze, so it did get a bit warm.

As usual there were some nice cars there with a recently nicely restored EH Holden ute taking the People's Choice award, with a 1969 Camaro winning the Club award. A very good original condition BSA motorbike and sidecar outfit got the 2-wheel award. We didn't win anything in the raffle, either.

Those who went were Alan and Val Baker (Mercedes coupe), Brenton and Cyndy Spangler (XK Falcon), Laurie and Pam Sutton (Toyota RAV4 – the Datsun wouldn't start), Martin Lewis (A16), Arthur & Nadia Addyman (MG Midget), and it was nice to see Kevin and Lyn Haley from Sandy Creek in their Honda Scamp and Raf Casey in his VW Beetle.

It's a good, relaxing day out.

Martin Lewis



SA brilliance on show – Motorsport Australia State Awards Sunday 9 February, 2020

A7CSA members score at the 2019 CAMS Awards

On Saturday 8th February 2020, the **2019 CAMS Award night presentations** were held at Sfera's on the Park convention centre at Modbury, where SA motorsport champions in the many categories of competition (and officialdom) were recognised and presented with their trophies and certificates.

Four long-serving members (since the early 1960's and 70's) of the A7CSA timing team were presented with their awards by Margot Foster AM, Vice-President of CAMS.



Shown in the picture left prior to presentation are Barry Frost, Bob Frost, Cindy Frost, Rae Frost and Pam Tunn and pictured right, with their Award Certificates are from L - R, *Compere Barry Curtin*, Pam Tunn, Bob Frost, Cindy Frost, Rae Frost and *Margot Foster*.

All were proud to receive these last **CAMS** awards to be presented, as from this year they will be under the *Motorsport Australia* banner.

Barry Frost



All British Day 2020 – Echunga Oval 9 February 2020

Twenty five Austin 7 Club members entered their vehicles in the 36th All British Day at Echunga Oval. On a bright sunny day of moderate temperature this annual picnic day of British vehicles has been a firm favourite with club members. The cooling shade of a claret ash tree near our display was a magnet for us to enjoy the shade, camaraderie along with good food and wine over lunch.





Those who attended included Mathew Frayne, Rick Hoffman, Tim McGregor, Graham Thorpe, Wolf Semler, Chris Frayne, Spanglers x 3, Keith Seidel, Darryl Byfield, Jim Hurst, Greg Keegan, Neil Maslin, Clive Berry, David Gear x 2, Andrew Dawes, Tim Williams, David Berry, Merawyn Hocking, Clem Lasscock, Steve Thorpe Scott Appleyard and David Searles.

TTM TROPHY 1				16 February 2020				TTM TRACK TIME MOTORSPORT	
REGULARITY									
Name				E1	E2	E3	E4	Total	
				5 Laps	6 Laps	5 Laps	8 Laps	24 Laps	
1	45	Oliver JAENSCH		17	29	15	32	93	
2	1	Anthony VERNER		33	16	27	23	99	
3	36	Sandy WATTERS		31	31	29	28	119	
4	69	Colin TUCKER		14	31	16	61	122	
5	88	Kristen BAILEY		25	25	41	36	127	
6	92	Gary OWEN		22	41	57	41	161	
7	37	Jordan JOHNSTON		24	21	63	77	185	
8	19	Fiona MCCUBBIN-MEE		64	49	10	64	187	
9	25	Katrina NELSON		51	74	32	54	211	
10	71	Steve CONROY		35	38	77	68	218	
11	91	Caroline KADZIELA		37	49	52	96	234	
12	41	Robin GEORGE		78	45	62	83	268	
13	86	Leigh HARRIS		38	31	100	100	269	
14	8	Geoff STEPHENS		47	48	99	81	275	
15	32	Steve ALEXANDER		59	61	60	116	296	
16	63	Scott TILLER		8	112	49	135	304	
17	79	Noel HARRIS		174	36	40	76	326	
18	26/12	Lisa TOTANI		57	43	51	180	331	
19	87	Kate STEPHENS		69	104	116	101	390	
20	3	Juris KUZNECOVS		46	43	175	193	457	
21	78	Neil MARTIN		17	22	64	371	474	
22	4	Paul PAPANIKOLAOU		196	134	60	137	527	
23	59	Jonathon ASH		45	101	12	371	529	
24	9	Nikita STACEY		252	137	71	82	542	
25	61	John TILLER		56	83	50	371	560	
26	20	Craig BLAKER		110	74	87	371	642	
27	12/26	Matthew TOTANI		74	230	45	356	705	
28	15	Colin CORNELIUS		34	151	175	371	731	
29	27	Jonathon MUNRO		210	245	160	205	820	
30	16	Kathryn PAGE		39	245	175	371	830	
=31	76	Alec DONNON		267	245	175	371	1058	
=31	94	Bjorne HARDS		267	245	175	371	1058	

Regularity				16 February 2020				TTM TRACK TIME MOTORSPORT	
Open Wheeled									
Name				E1	E2	E3	E4	Total	
				5 Laps	6 Laps	5 Laps	8 Laps	24 Laps	
1	76	Rhys BARTLETT		9	42	37	44	132	
2	16	Adam NEWTON		8	21	27	129	185	
3	14	Colin THOMAS		221	139	20	89	469	
4	27	Sean GRIMMOND		26	139	30	280	475	
5	44	Frank CHESSELL		102	124	108	166	500	
6	31	Donald STACEY		255	111	109	148	623	
7	35	Peter HOOD		92	139	124	280	635	
8	32	Ron STEVENS		270	85	30	280	665	
9	3	Kym BURTON		204	139	108	265	716	
10	3	Rob SURMAN		270	139	124	280	813	

2020 TTM Regularity Trophy - Round 1, February 16

Entries: TTM 32

Open Wheelers: (FV) 10

Weather: Fine and warm

Flies: Generally kept to themselves!

It took our usual "stars" a while to recover from the season break, as can be seen from the new names amongst the heat winners/placegetters. Wins were taken by three drivers and 21 drivers scored at least one 0 pts lap during the four heats.

HEAT 1, 5 laps - 1st Scott Tiller Hyundai Excel 8 pts; 2nd Colin Tucker Ford Cortina, 14 pts; 3rd Oliver Jaensch Holden Commodore VZ, 17 pts; 4th Neil Martin Triumph TR7 V8 17 pts. Colin and Oliver each scored two 0 pts laps while two others scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 2, 6 laps - 1st Anthony Verner Mercedes Benz SLK 320, 16 pts; 2nd Jordan Johnston Hyundai Excel, 21 pts; 3rd Neil Martin 22 pts; 4th Kristen Bailey Mitsubishi Magna, 25 pts. Jordan scored three 0 pts laps, Anthony scored two 0 pts lap and five others scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 3, 5 laps - 1st Fiona McCubbin-Mee Mazda 2, 10 pts; 2nd Jonathon Ash Holden Commodore VE SS 12 pts; 3rd Oliver Jaensch 15 pts; 4th Colin Tucker 16 pts. Fiona, Jonathon, Colin and two others each scored two 0 pts laps, and one other scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 4, 8 laps - 1st Anthony Verner 23 pts; 2nd Sandy Watters Peugeot 206 Gti, 28 pts; 3rd Oliver Jaensch 32 pts, 4th Gary Owen Toyota 86, 41 pts. Oliver scored three 0 pts laps; Anthony and Sandy and one other scored two 0 pts laps and one other scored one 0 pts lap.

The first group in this heat were red-flagged after three laps, due to a stopped car in a dangerous position; it was then re-started for the remaining 5 laps. The second group completed the event without drama.

The *meeting points*: 1st Oliver Jaensch 93 pts, 2nd Anthony Verner 99 pts, 3rd Sandy Watters 119 pts, 4th Colin Tucker 122 pts, 5th Kristen Bailey 127 pts.

The **2020 TTM Trophy** : 1st Anthony Verner 75 pts, 2nd Oliver Jaensch 68 pts, 3rd Sandy Watters 56 pts, 4th Colin Tucker 53 pts, 5th Kristen Bailey 44 pts.

This was also *Round 1* of the *Ladies Trophy*.

Heat 1, 5 laps - 1st Kristen Bailey, Mitsubishi Magna; 2nd Sandy Watters, Peugeot 206 Gti; 3rd Caroline Kadziela Toyota 86; 4th Kathryn Page Hyundai Excel; 5th Katrina Nelson, Peugeot 206 Gti; 6th Lisa Totani Hyundai Excel.

HEAT 2, 6 laps - 1st Kristen Bailey, 2nd Sandy Watters, 3rd Lisa Totani, 4th Caroline Kadziela, 5th Fiona McCubbin-Mee, 6th Katrina Nelson.

HEAT 3, 5 laps - 1st Fiona McCubbin-Mee Mazda 2, 2nd Sandy Watters, 3rd Katrina Nelson, 4th Kristen Bailey, 5th Lisa Totani, 6th Caroline Kadziela.

HEAT 4, 8 laps - 1st Sandy Watters, 2nd Kristen Bailey, 3rd Katrina Nelson, 4th Fiona McCubbin-Mee, 5th Caroline Kadziela, 6th Kate Stephens.

The *Ladies meeting points*: 1st Sandy Watters 119 pts, 2nd Kristen Bailey 127 pts, 3rd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 187 pts, 4th Katrina Nelson 211 pts, 5th Caroline Kadziela 234 pts, 6th Kate Stephens 390 pts, 7th Lisa Totani 489 pts, 8th Nikita Stacey 746 pts, 9th Kathryn Page 812 pts.

The **2020 Ladies Trophy** : 1st Sandy Watters 10 pts, 2nd Kristen Bailey 8 pts, 3rd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 6 pts, 4th Katrina Nelson 5 pts, 5th Caroline Kadziela 4 pts, 6th Lisa Totani 3 pts, 7th Kate Stephens 2 pts, 8th Nikita Stacey 1 pt.

Supporting our TTM entries was the Open Wheeler category - which turned out to be only Formula Vee.

HEAT 1, 5 laps - 1st Adam Newton 8 pts, 2nd Rhys Bartlett, 9 pts, 3rd Sean Grimmond 26 pts, 4th Peter Hood 92 pts. Adam scored two 0 pts laps and Rhys scored one 0 pts lap.

This heat was also red-flagged after three laps, again due to a stopped car in a dangerous position; it was then re-started for the remaining 2 laps.

HEAT 2, 6 laps – 1st Adam Newton 21 pts, 2nd Rhys Bartlett, 3rd Ron Stevens 85 pts, 4th Donald Stacey 111 pts. *Adam scored two 0 pts laps and Rhys scored one 0 pts lap.*

HEAT 3, 5 laps – 1st Colin Thomas 20 pts, 2nd Adam Newton 27 pts, 3rd Sean Grimmond 30 pts, 4th Ron Stevens 30 pts. *Both Colin and Sean scored one 0 pts lap.*

HEAT 4, 8 laps – 1st Rhys Bartlett 44 pts, 2nd Colin Thomas 89 pts, 3rd Adam Newton 129 pts, 4th Donald Stacey 148 pts. *Rhys and one other scored one 0 pts lap.*

The meeting points: 1st Rhys Bartlett 132 pts, 2nd Adam Newton 185 pts, 3rd Colin Thomas 469 pts, 4th Sean Grimmond 475 pts.

Barry Frost



#45 Oliver JAENSCH



#1 Anthony VERNER



#36 Sandy WATTERS



#69 Colin TUCKER



#88 Kristen BAILEY



#92 Gary OWEN



#37 Jordan JOHNSTON



#19 Fiona McCUBBIN-MEE



#71 Steve CONROY



#91 Caroline KADZIELA



#41 Robin GEORGE



#78 Neil MARTIN



#20 Craig BLAKER



#15 Colin CORNELIUS



#35 Peter HOOD



#16 Adam NEWTON



#76 Rhys BARTLETT



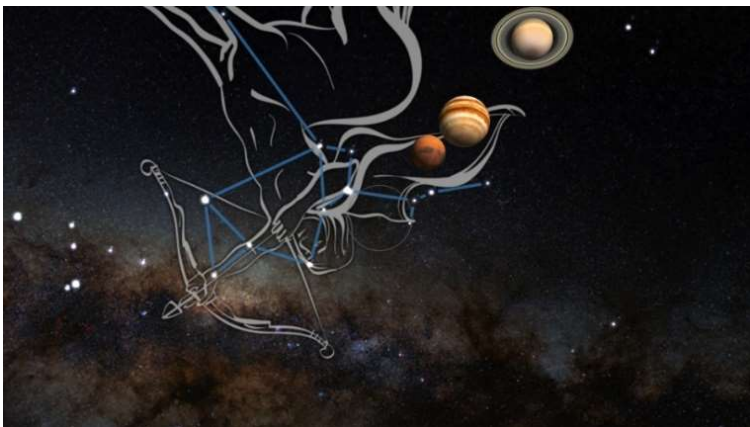
#27 Sean GRIMMOND

Technical Night Run 24 February 2020, about 20 or so members attended the technical night in pleasant weather driving on a run to Outer Harbor, returning to the clubrooms for a barbecue. Thanks to the cooks who did a sterling job.



Austin 7 visit to Planetarium Mawson Lakes, Saturday 29 February 2020

After a rocky start where I thought I might be the astral explosion with 27 people waiting for the session, the security guard not knowing we were going to be there and the lecturer arriving 20 minutes late the morning turned out to be very interesting. We entered the dome and sat down in rather comfortable chairs which laid back for an easy view of the dome above. The stars appeared gradually and all was explained including how the phases of the moon are named. The lecturer was very informative with his explanations.



It was followed by a movie Cosmic Collisions featuring some of the near misses to planet earth, with scenes like this of Saturn with the ring then Jupiter and Mars by the constellation Sagittarius

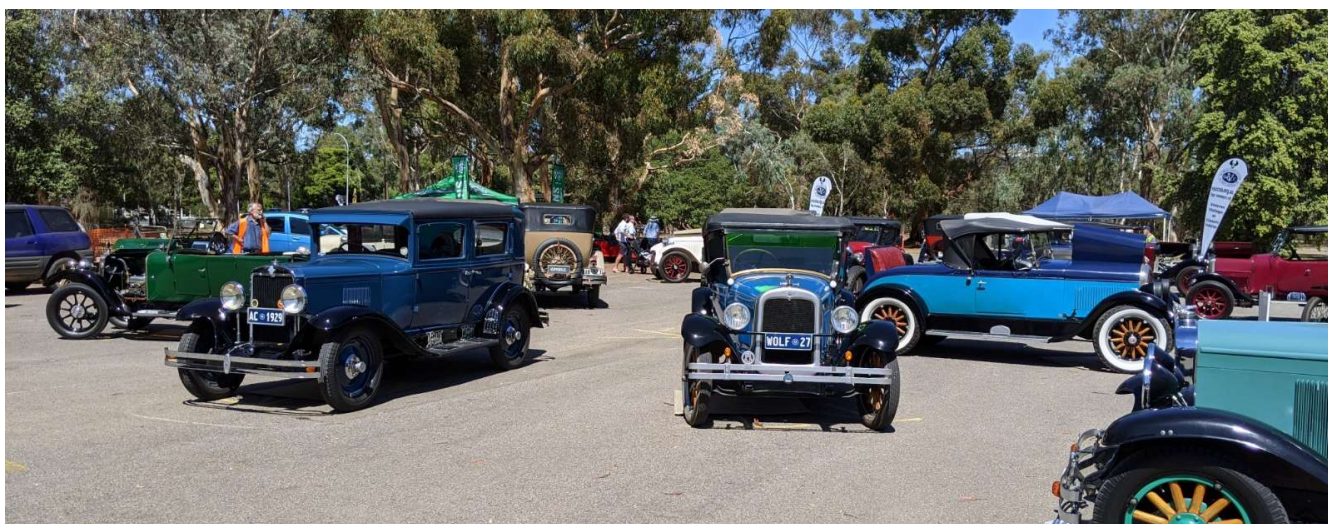
After the talk and feeling refreshed we walked to the Mawson Lakes Hotel where we lunched with the local Saturday crowds of the pub which went down like a treat. Thanks to Chris Cutting for organizing this event, appreciated by all who attended.



Thank you to those who attended

Christine Cutting

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