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**WHEN:** 8pm; 1st Tuesday of each month (except January)

**WHERE:** Girl Guide Hall, Erin St, Queanbeyan.

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**Editors Notes: Darryl Bourke**

I must start with a big thank to Alex Carter for stepping in and producing issue 192 of the Wheel, while I was holidaying in Japan. It is this willingness of STHARC members to step-up-to-the-mark, pitch in, be responsible, give it a go, actively participate and more that makes STHARC the success it is.

With such a supportive membership STHARC is well placed to take on the 2019 Shannon's Wheels event. Your commitment will be necessary to ensure the event showcases just how great our club members are.

This edition of the Wheel covers both December and January. While the festive season to me seems to be where everything becomes urgent, busy, and congested as we clamour to celebrate, please take time to sit back and review your restoration work. Pull out the photos, take more photos, write up a few words or a good yarn about your restoration and send it to me. The next edition of the Wheel wants your stories.

Regarding Photos for the Wheel, be it as part of your restoration or from one of our many events, where possible please provide the highest resolution pictures you can. Most of today's smart phones have a pretty good resolution camera however some of the older phones have pretty average cameras. Shoot off as many shots as you can as it gives a wider choice of the most suitable photo for the Wheel to complement your story.

Finally I would like to thank you all for the privilege of being your editor. Have a most enjoyable festive season.

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## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

*Note: This is a truncated summary of the secretaries minutes. The complete version will be accessible on our web site.*

Tuesday 6 November 2018 @ 20:10

Attendance: 35 members

Apologies: Darryl Bourke

Visitors: Prospective new member Neville Kitchen

### President's Report: Joe Vavra

Thanks to all those members who assisted with the hosting of the Half Yearly Meeting of the Council of Heritage Motoring Cubs by STHARC at the end of October.

A sausage sizzle is planned at the hall before the December meeting.

STHARC will open a new account with Bendigo Bank at Jamieson Branch.

Registrar will look into possibility of transfer of club trailer to HVS.

Events Director is looking into possibility of breakfast runs in better weather months

Consideration of by law changes carried over from September meeting.

In relation to voting rights in a matter which requires a vote, the right to a vote applies to the principal member, their nominated partner and any adult children who have vehicles registered through STHARC under the heritage concessional arrangements. A question was raised about the provisions within the club's Constitution on this matter. Members present voted to accept this provision on the understanding that it does not conflict with the Constitution..

Non-financial members are members who have not renewed their subscription by 30 June each year. Registrations of vehicles on club plates are only valid if the member is financial. It was decided that there is no need for specific by laws to deal with this issue.

Distribution of The Wheel: The availability of The Wheel on the club's website and distribution to other clubs electronically is current practice. There is no support for the distribution of hard copy versions of The Wheel outside of club membership. It was not considered necessary to set out these practices in a specific by law.

**Guest Speaker**

Guest speaker was fellow club member Steve Gibbs. Steve has a long history of involvement in emergency services and vehicle rescue activities.

He explained the history of motor vehicle rescue by specialist groups within the fire brigade and police organizations. Steve also explained the changing tasks arising from vehicle design developments.

**Treasurer's Report: Brian Thomas**

Treasurer current financial position was provided. There is a surplus of about \$400 from the running of the CHMC half yearly meeting.

Reimbursements for payments made on behalf of the club were approved by members. They are printing of The Wheel \$231, running of CHMC meeting including use of facilities \$546.20, obtaining copy of certificate of incorporation \$22.

Agreement for a float for funding of the Christmas party was also approved.

**Secretary's report: Lawrie Nock**

Three new applications for membership have been received and are to be considered in General business.

A letter of thanks has been received from the family of recently deceased member Stewart Barrett. Exchanges of emails with members, prospective new members and TBD committee in respect of the running of TBD in December.

Letter of thanks from family of former member Stewart Barratt

**Membership Secretary: Pam Corbett**

no matters to report.

**Editor: Darryl Bourke**

Absent. Requested that the many stories out there and these need to be submitted to make the newsletter interesting for members.

**Registrar: John Corbett**

13 new vehicles on club plates this month including 8 from one member.

**Webmaster: Malcolm Roxburgh**

All going well.

**Property Officer: Ray & Barbara Malam**

Usual apparel items are available for inspection. Orders are usually able to be filled within one month of receipt of order.

**Public Officer: Chris Hillbrick-Boyd**

A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation has been ordered.

**Council of Heritage Motor Clubs:**

CHMC will only consider HVS applications for mildly modified vehicles. STHARC members also have access to the scheme on a broader interpretation of the rules through CACTMC.

60 day log book trial is to run until September 2019 and CHMC is working with RMS on this policy.

All positions were filled. Bush Telegraph will not be continued. Communications will in future be electronic.

Griffith will host the Easter rally in 2019. Registrations are being accepted. Newcastle Restored Vehicle Club will host the 2019 half yearly meeting.

AHMF has a major rally planned for 2020. CHMC will assist and is looking for support from affiliated clubs. It is not intended to run a major Annual CHMC rally in 2020.

Message of thanks to STHARC members who assisted with the setting up of the halls for the meeting and hospitality and with the administration and other setting up, the members who provided supplies for the hosting and were there to see that the food was delivered at the lunch, morning and afternoon teas.

**Council of ACT Motor Clubs**

Absence of a club to run Wheels 2019 is a problem. *See separate article in this edition as you (STHARC) step up to the mark.*

The pie cart is a bit of a problem. Question has been asked whether the vehicle should be sold, retained or offered to ACT as a museum piece. The pie cart is considered by many to be an important piece of local heritage and members present voted that it should be provided to the Canberra museum as a display piece.

### Events: Alex Carter

Marques in the Park at John Knight Memorial Park in Belconnen next Sunday 11 November. Mid week run to visit former members Barry and Judy Davis on 14 November needs details of the number of cars likely so parking arrangements can be made.

### General Business:

Recommendations by Committee that new applications for membership from David Whitehouse and partner Phuong Phu and Peter Catling be accepted, were approved by members

It was proposed that STHARC advise CACTMC that the club is willing to take on the management of the 2019 Shannons Wheels event on 3 March 2019. There is not a lot of time left to organize and publicize this event.

Agreed that STHARC advises CACTMC that it is prepared to take on the task of organizing Shannons Wheels 2019




In anticipation that CACTMS accepts STHARC's offer, members present agreed that Max de Oliver be the nominated STHARC co-ordinator and that other club members who are willing to become part of the organizing committee be invited to contact Max. Noted that there is not a lot of time left to organize and publicize this event.


### Birthdays and anniversaries:

None recorded

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## GOODWIN VILLAGE by Chris Boyd

Wednesday 14 November 2018 was set for the Mid-Week run to Goodwin Lifestyle Retirement Village, Monash ACT.

Even the best made plans go wrong and this event was no exception. It was a miserably wet day and many STHARC members chose not to dirty their clean classic vehicles and brought their moderns or did not attend at all.

Six vehicles left the Guides Hall and travelled to Monash and, as arranged previously, our Goodwin contact Melissa Sims had parking arranged at the rear of the Community Building. Lawrie Nock was already there with the Bentley. We had the three classic cars to show off to some of the senior residents who braved the wet conditions to view our vehicles, and for some to walk down memory lane. The Bentley attracted much attention as many of the residents had not seen a Bentley up close.

The STHARC members soon retreated to the cover of Barry and Judy Davis' residence to view Judy's collection of dolls and quilting, and Barry's workshop, woodworking and model cars, with much viewing and chatting. Nitro, the dog, also claimed his right to attention and received it.

We then adjourned to the Village's cafe where we all enjoyed a light lunch and drinks and an opportunity to chat with some of the residents. (As it is an over 60's village, many of the residents were not much older than ourselves.) With good food, drinks and personal service it was an enjoyable visit with Barry and Judy. By now it was 12.30pm and time to depart to make room for more customers at the cafe.

Chris and I made a quick exit to home as we were leaving immediately for Geelong for a family funeral early next morning.

Thank you to our STHARC members who braved the weather for this run and visit with Barry and Judy who very much appreciated seeing us and catching up.

### Roll Call:

Lawrie Nock—1960 Bentley S2

Allan Boyd & Chris—HB 1971 VW Beetle "Ringo"

Max DeOliver VH VH Commodore

Rhonda Winnett & Ronda Cornwell

Krys McLeish, Ray Malam, and Graham Bates



## CHMC HALF YEARLY by Chris Boyd

Photos from Friday night CHMC Half Yearly get together at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club.



## COUNCIL OF ACT MOTOR CLUBS

*Points from Lawrie Nock's notes of the 15 November 2018 meeting.*

### Shannons Wheels 2019

The Committee confirmed to the delegates present that STHARC has taken up the task of running Wheels 2019.

Discussions resulted in TAD(ACT) and the cancer group to be both beneficiaries with the arrangements to be determined by STHARC.

A follow up meeting was agreed to finalize the layout and other details for the event.

### CACTMC Events

The events in which CACTMC is involved through its member clubs are listed on the council's website. It is best that anyone interested in such events seeks out the details from the website. The Committee's discussions with ACT RTA about the possible introduction of a concessional registration scheme along the lines of the NSW CVS are continuing. Attempts by some organizations to have individual clubs able to bypass the Council and deal directly with ACT RTA seem unlikely to succeed.

*Photo below from Marques in the Park.*



### Pie Cart

The starting problem with the Pie Cart appears to have been identified and the vehicle is now operational again. Also covered housing for the vehicle has been found.

### Summernats 2019

The organizers of Summernats have made changes to the arrangements for classic vehicle participation in 2019. Clubs affiliated with CACTMC, who are owners of vehicles with minimum modifications and which are not entitled to enter Summernats can obtain a one day entry pass for those vehicles to participate in a range of activities on the Family Sunday. The cost to enter for a non Summernats ticket holder will be \$80 per car. A Sunday day pass will cost \$25 for 1 car, the entrant and one passenger. Details of vehicles need to be submitted through clubs to Summernats for vetting prior to the event. These details must be submitted before 18 December.

### Logbook Compliance

The compliance with logbook obligations for CRS registered vehicles was again mentioned. It was pointed out that a Victorian heritage vehicle owner who had “failed to complete his log book for a journey had failed to comply with the conditions of registration.” The fine for non compliance is of the order of \$900 in the various states. The importance of log book compliance before setting out on a log book run was emphasized.

The other common non-compliance risks are failure by the vehicle operator to be a financial member of the club through which the vehicle is registered and in the case of ACT vehicles and failure by the club itself to be a financial affiliate of CACTMC.



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**LADIES' MORNING TEA** by Christine Brown

Friday, 26 October 2018

Our morning tea at The Mill House Café in Queanbeyan saw a great attendance of eleven lovely ladies.

We had a room to ourselves, but I'm sure the chatter and laughter could be heard throughout the whole café. Culinary delights were enjoyed and a very cheery and cheeky waiter kept us on our toes.

It was lovely to welcome some new ladies to this morning tea.

Attendees: Nancy-Lea Legge, Rhonda Winnett, Ronda Cornwell, Barbara Malam, Benita Thomas, Jane Nock, Kay Carratt, Maureen Vavra, Lee McMahon, Michelle Sound and Christine Brown.

As it is too early to book the February morning tea, which will be held on 22 February, 2019, I will have the details put onto the club website as soon as they are known, and they will be printed in the first issue of The Wheel for 2019.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2019.

**MEN'S COFFEE MORNING** by Allan Boyd

Friday 26 October was also our set up day at the Guides Hall in preparation for STHARC hosting the CHMC Half Yearly Meeting, so the Corner Cafe was a convenient location.

This was a spacious venue with ample seating, several wall areas exhibit photos of our Queanbeyan street, buildings and vehicles back into the 1920s. The service was quick and efficient; food and coffee was good.

Ian Oliver was back after he and Tina's trip to England with their Bentley to attend a rally, so lots of conversation about their experiences. Other conversation focused on vehicles we have owned in the past and should have kept!

Roll Call: Tony Brown, Joe Vavra, Lawrie Nock, Brian Thomas, Ian Oliver, Ray Malam and Allan Boyd. Maureen Vavra stayed for a short while until Joe drove her across to the Ladies venue nearby.



## STHARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The STHARC Christmas Party will be held at Wamboin Community Hall on 9 December. 112 Bingley Way Wamboin. NSW.

Our usual Santa will not be in the region on the day so we need to find another Santa for the children.

Hazel needs to have details of likely numbers and is looking for participants to provide details of a contribution of a salad or dessert dish to supplement the meats which the club will be contributing to the meal.

The plan is to arrive around 11AM with lunch to be served at 12 noon.

Please BYO drinks and nibbles plus a salad or dessert to share. STHARC will provide the meat as well as bread, coffee, tea and of course Ice Cream.

Last year a member contribution of \$5 per person was sought to offset the costs. Other details will be provided on the club's website.

**Directions** Via Sutton Rd

From Queanbeyan roundabout at Bungendore and Yass roads. Take Rd out of Queanbeyan towards Fairbairn for 2k. Turn right onto Sutton Rd, travel 9k. Turn right onto Norton Rd, travel 4.2k. Turn right onto Bingley Way, travel 1.1k to 112 Bingley Way Wamboin. 17 min (17.9 km)

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Day/Date	STHARC EVENTS 2018	CONTACT
<b>November</b>		
Fri 30th	<b>Ladies</b> Coffee Morning 10am @ Pollen Café at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. (Parking fees apply)	Christine Brown 0412442623
Fri 30th	<b>Men's</b> Coffee Morning 10am @ Telstra Tower Café, Black Mountain. \$3 entry to tower, includes free entry to Telstra Museum downstairs	Allan Boyd 0427976014
<b>December</b>		
2 Dec	Terribly British Day—Queanbeyan Park from 10-2pm	
9 Dec	<b>STHARC Christmas End of Year Function at Wamboin Community Hall.</b> <i>Details in this edition of The Wheel</i>	Hazel Roxburgh 0430943250
	No further STHARC events for 2018	
<b>Check STHARC's Website regularly for details and updates.</b>		

## YOUR MARCH 2019

### Shannons Wheels 2019

We, STHARC, have committed to taken on the running of the Shannons Wheels 2019 event at the Queanbeyan showground.

This commitment is based on the strength and enthusiasm of STHARC which is its members, **YOU**.

STHARC has proven its capabilities as recently as successfully hosting the half yearly meeting of the Council of Heritage Motoring Cubs.

While we know we are capable of running the 2019 wheels as a very professional event, it will require much effort. With the festive season upon us and many people going on holidays, March will be here before we know it.

Max will be the co-ordinator for the club so please ensure you give him your full support in doing his job as well as being available to do your bit.

**3 March 2019**

**Pop it in you note book, on your calendar and in  
your electronic scheduler, now!**



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## LITTLE RED TRUCK by Steve Cole

### How to reactivate a Little Red Express Truck #2.

My 1979 Dodge Little Red Express Truck (lets just call him Rex) has a cleaned and repaired fuel tank and hardware. So that end of the fuel system is fine now.

Not often I come across an engine with rust on the block, normally the carefully designed weeping gaskets and seals provide the necessary protection for the outside of the engine. Rex has had a curiously easy life (4935 miles in 40 years) so this anti-corrosion system first developed and then perfected by the British has failed to protect the externals of the engine.

Apparently, the Japanese were so efficient at stopping the oil leaks that their engine blocks just rusted away from the outside due to lack of corrosion protection. They just didn't analyse the British system well enough to understand just why the rear main oil seal must leak "just so", and the rocker cover seals "a tad". Little known fact that this is the origin of the move to aluminum engines. True story!

The whole front face of the block and heads and the front of the inlet manifold are largely devoid of paint. All of the engine brackets for the alternator and power steering pump and the pulleys were liberally coated in surface rust. So I decided to remove and paint the areas while replacing the water pump.

Previously I have used Wattyl Killrust paint in a spray can to great effect for peripherals. This paint dries smooth and glossy, and after 10 years on my Charger still looks as good as the day it was applied. Sanding with coarse sandpaper and degreasing with mineral turps cleaned all the items up nicely. All of the parts came up pretty well ready to be installed.



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The engine got a coat of POR enamel in Chrysler blue. This is the first time I have used their product and the results are excellent. I wouldn't have believed how glossy and even it flows onto the surface. I'll definitely use it again!

You know how they say to take photos of everything and carefully label and position bolts and brackets for reassembly? I'm having none of that... Where is their sense of adventure?

Endless hours of fun looking for bolts and trying to work out whether the stamped "top" on a bracket should face left or right, front or back. You see there is so many incorrect ways to assemble things. If it was all carefully planned I would never get to play with this type of puzzle.

I took a few photos as a lacklustre effort to show the configuration, but in my normal way these well-proportioned snaps universally almost but not quite completely fail to show the necessary item that I have misplaced in my haste to dismantle the engine. They generally leave enough ambiguity for me to choose the most likely configuration, which is equally generally never the correct one.

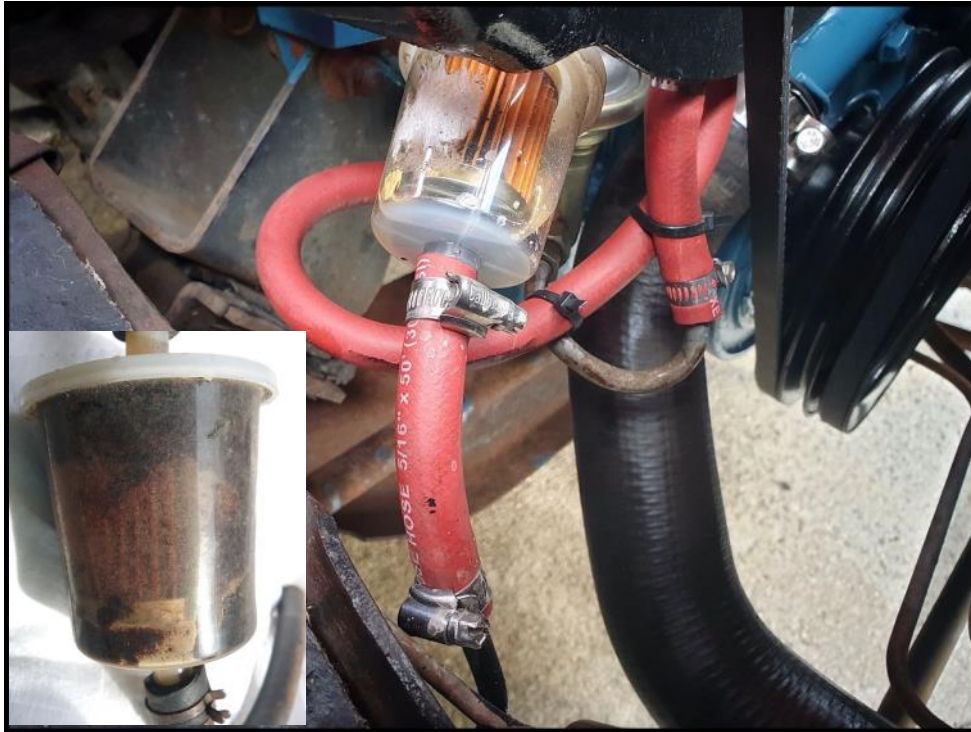
Despite all of this, the engine components are all painted, ready for reassembly. Fuel pump first. The inlet for the fuel pump lies right next to but not exactly aligned with the fixed fuel pipe from the tank. In this no man's land is meant to sit a fuel filter. The vehicle still boasted its 1979 fuel filter, the element of which apart from a small section about the size of a 5 cent piece, was completely unserviceable. To make the filter fit in this space, the factory had artistically draped the fuel line over items including the chassis rail, fuel pump body, fuel outlet pipe. It was also strategically positioned perilously close to several components (see quiz below). The purpose for doing this would appear only to be to shorten the life of the truck so that the buyer would soon return to the showroom, wallet fattened with insurance cheque, to buy a replacement. Sort of planned obsolescence I guess...

**Quiz:**

If you wanted to route the fuel line which of the following would you chose to avoid close contact with:

1. The exhaust manifold.
2. The alternator drive belt.
3. Sharp edge of pump housing.
4. The wiring at the back of the alternator.





If you chose #5 in the quiz above, please forward your contact details to Dodge, as you are clearly well suited to their 1979 assembly line.

Have I mentioned that 1979 Dodge trucks have a reputation for engine fires??

Given the amount of non-fuel and non-liquids in the fuel line and tank I installed a cheap filter with clear walls that I could replace periodically on inspection. I overcame the problems identified in the quiz above by looping the fuel line around itself, using inspiration from a certain well known Gold Coast theme park. I have this theory that this will create a suction vortex before the fuel pump that will effectively turbocharge the engine and yield a 10-15% improvement in power and economy. I am shortly to patent this energy booster and will be marketing it through telemarketing. I am thinking of calling it a "*Fuel Polariser*" in memory of the late and great Peter Brock. What could possibly go wrong?

Enough for now. Next time the untold pleasures of working out where engine peripherals brackets go...



**BEDFORD RESTORATION STORY** By John Thomas**1947 K Model Bedford Restoration Story**

Sometimes all good projects come to an end. I purchased this truck initially as it brought back memories of my childhood, when the local carrier truck used to deliver to my father's grocery store in Culcairn.

I purchased the truck in 2005. The truck was in a sad state on a farm. It originally was a Boorowa Fire Brigade and three other owners. A lot of work was needed, one problem led to another. The brakes were a nightmare to repair and bleed, but I found the trick to fixing them upon consulting Google-amazing! The head was found to be cracked (a common problem seemingly), this fault was 'supposedly' fixed /replaced by the previous owners. As finding a good replacement head was nearly impossible, I had the assistance of a local engine reconditioner who thought outside the square and used good 'old fashioned' skills.





The project came to a halt for a while, as a tractor and then a Chev truck came into my possession and I wanted a spell from the Bedford. Come 2012 the project started again. I made the tray and did the panel beating then spray painted as there was the normal cash flow problem.

Finally, it was off jacks and ready for a test drive around the paddock. Shock horror I could hardly steer the thing! Back on jacks. The steering system was fully dismantled each part checked and reassembled, but to no avail. It was still heavy to steer and another problem was the lack of space for me to operate the clutch and the brake. Bedford must have built the cab around the smallest 'pom' truck driver they could find! My knees were up around my ears after I got the upholstery redone.

I modified the seats, but I felt the Bedford was too unsafe to drive on main roads because I could not operate the brake and the clutch. As time and aches and pains catch up with me I have decided to sell the truck. I still go out to the shed and tinker hoping that it will miraculously become a roadworthy vehicle I can operate and enjoy after all the blood; sweat and tears I have put into it. Hopefully whoever buys it will be smaller in build than me and enjoy the ride.

***This could be yours, just call John 0407056938***

**MAYFIELD GARDENS** By John Thomas

As a treat for my wife I decided to take her to view an open garden (Mayfield), in Oberon, after I took the VF Holden SS for a spin around Mount Panorama.

Even though I could only do 60 kph. It was still a buzz to drive the track. It is mind boggling to think that those drivers take those bends at least double that speed and still stay on the track.

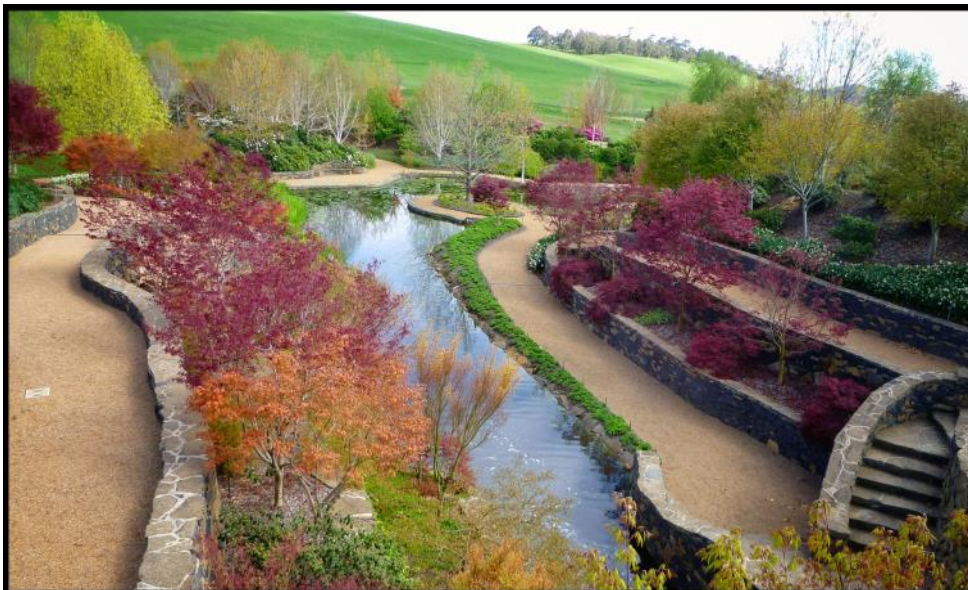


The Mayfield Gardens are open 365 days of the year but 4 times a year the main house gardens are also open for viewing. Spring is one of those times and well worth the visit. The tulips, azaleas, rhododendrons You need to have good walking gear on and ready for all weather. We walked the water garden went for morning tea then and walked down one side, went for lunch and then took bus to the top and finally walked down through the house gardens back to the carpark. I did not think I would be interested but I was keen to see everything but not interested in my wife's ideas for our garden.





A great trip idea for the car club would be a weekend drive to Bathurst and Oberon. Plenty of things to do and see for the ladies as well as the men.



## MARQUES IN THE PARK by Chris Forsey

11 November 2018

It was a beautiful day in Belconnen for the 2018 Marques in the Park. John Knight Park by Lake Ginninderra is a fantastic venue for a car show providing plenty of open space and leafy shade for displaying vehicles.

Many clubs were present representing marques from Europe, USA, Japan and Australia. This event is good at drawing out a good show of Japanese vehicles and there were plenty of early Nissan, Toyota and Mazda vehicles on show.

I have recently renovated a 1992 Honda Legend 2-door coupe and having registered it this week, I was pleased to be able to bring it out for its first club event. One of the joys of bringing cars to events is meeting folk, and whilst the Honda isn't well known I was pleased to chat to a chap who did remember this model as his family had one when they were new.



This year Remembrance Day has had special significance as Sunday 11 November 2018 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. At 11am the whole event came to a stand-still for the sounding of the Last Post. It was a very moving moment, especially to see that everyone stopped what they were doing and stood in silence. Fittingly the nominated charity for this event was Soldier On, which provides support for returned service personnel and their families.





I didn't see any other members of STHARC on Sunday, but in previous years we have had a great turn out from the club and this event is definitely worth supporting into the future.



Photos below also from the Marques in the Park.



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