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October 2018 Newsletter

President's Report

Hi <<First Name>>>,

What a great month we have had weather-wise.... Some fantastic sunny days to enjoy our Classic cars and bikes, and some very welcome rain to ease the drought in NSW and Qld. Deb and I drove back from Adelaide in some of the affected areas, and while we did not see the very worst of the drought, we certainly noted that the crops were more sparse and quite a lot less healthy than we had previously seen.

Major events for September were very successful – the Bunnings BBQ raised another \$600 profit (50% of which has been donated to worthy charities), and the weekend away to the Goldfields (Gulgong, Bathurst) organised by Jim White was definitely a high point. Great work Jim.... You've just made it inevitable we will ask you to organise a similar run in 2019!!! (see Jon Dickson's report on the run in this Newsletter).

The big events for October (other than the normal pub-runs, SMB and SWB) include...

- The annual BBQ lunch with Tilligerry Auto Club which is on Sunday 14th at Tanilba Bay, and...
- The annual Major Social Event – an afternoon of fine food and great company at the Little Beach Boathouse on Sunday 21st from 1pm. There are still some places available, so call Charlie Aquilina on 0404 084 420 to see if you can still get in.
- Another Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 28 October – calls for rostering will be sent out shortly.

Membership renewals are required with the end of the PSCAA year on 31st October.

Details have been emailed to all members individually. The KEY POINT is that members with Conditional Registration (Historic or Classic plates) **MUST** renew by the end of October to maintain financial membership, or your vehicle is technically not registered or insured. This could be a VERY COSTLY mistake if you have an accident or are pulled over by the Police or RMS.

Notice of the AGM on Thursday 8th November has been emailed to all members, with a Nomination Form if you wish to put your hand up for a Committee position. While most of the current Committee have indicated they are re-nominating, there could still be a place for you to assist with the management of PSCAA. Give me a call on 0406 747 847 if you wish to discuss it with me.

Take it easy out there.....and see you on the road somewhere.....

Laurie Nolan
President

FOR SALE

Looking for a new car? We might have just what you want!



1958 Wolseley 1500 in very original condition.....new upholstery...new paint
Drives well...not used since rego expired 2 years ago
Needs detail work to make concourse.....would make great club car
Price negotiable

For inspection call John Caldwell 0408 681 764



2002 Saab Cabriolet Anniversary Edition (*actual car not pictured, for information only*)

Saab Red

102,000kms

Log book maintenance by Alec Mildren and Gilberts of Maitland

Open to offers as prices do vary. Any interested parties would need to undertake an inspection.

Following email is best contact and I will send photo of actual car
wpbalson@gmail.com.

or Phone me on 0411 641 883 to discuss.

Bill Balson



1954 Renault 750 4cv

This 750 has upgraded brakes from drum to 4 wheel discs.the engine was 750cc

now a 1108cc. Was a 3 speed gear box, now a 4 speed.

The car has had a new coat of paint some years ago. [See photos for condition.](#)
There are 4 new tyres.

I have the 750 engine if you want. This car is on H plates which means the car is sold as is with no rego, I have rego papers with books and work shop and parts books.

Happy to discuss any queries you may have and welcome inspection by appointment.

Warwick Smith 0438 806 604

\$13,500 ono



Goldfield's Tour - 21-23 September 2018

by Jon and Janette Dickson

“Tour de champs d’or” or another James White motoring extravaganza.

The 3 day motoring tour, themed on the roads in the historic NSW goldfields towns of Gulgong, Mudgee, Hill End, Sofala then Bathurst began with 15 vehicles and surprisingly finished with the same 15 vehicles and their crews. This is of particular note since the

event organiser, our beloved Jim White has a 'Satnav' which seems differently programmed than those belonging to all other Australians.

My wife Janette and I met the group on the western side of Kurri Kurri, as instructed by Jim some weeks earlier in multiple emails, but were 4 minutes late and duly admonished for our tardiness. James (as his mother liked to call him) stood in the middle of the highway, handed us our orange coloured bag of 'goodies' including route instructions and without us stopping for some cordial morning greetings, indicated we should proceed westward without further delay! (Jim has a strict timetable for these events but it secretly delights me to ignore most of his directions).

However in the spirit of the event we allowed him to lead but within 15 minutes, half the field following his shiny red Lancia found ourselves doing a U-turn just south of Rutherford, as he had missed one of his mapped turns. The sun was out under blue skies, we had the hood down on our '72 Alfa, so I thought 'why worry, we have three more days in which to get home, whatever the rest of Jim's directions suggested! (My other ongoing worry is that my dear wife needs to look at her wedding-fingered left hand whenever we need to decide which way is left or right, and she wore her favourite possum gloves for the whole trip!)

Morning tea at Arrowfield Winery was an excellent choice on Jim's part. He used to be the manager of that company prior it going into liquidation some year's ago. Jim told me that he had left the firm at least a good 2 weeks before the trouble was identified... That's about the same time he changed his name from 'James White' to 'Guacomo Bianco' driver of his much treasured Italian Lancia Fulvia.



Overnight in historic Gulgong, preceded by much negotiation by Jim, with the motel owner over the room rates. "It's important to keep costs down in these events to maximise participation", he explained. My Janette was particularly pleased with comfort level and the \$10-per-night room tariff.



The afternoon visit to the Opera House and the talk on its history and name dropping such as Dame Nellie Melba was entertaining as was the ambience within the building. Was that Charlie Aquilina, Luciano Pavarotti or in fact Andrew testing the acoustics with the short rendition of the opera 'Figaro'?

Following a restful night's sleep helped no doubt by (only) small amounts of Black Label Scotch consumed during late afternoon 'drinkies' by Jim and myself, the planned 7.15am Saturday morning muster for breakfast came and went as far as a number of the group were concerned. "What bugle Jim? Get real, I'm not getting up that early just because

your itinerary says so!”

As a result I missed the early incident requiring jumper-leads to start one of our entourage, where it is reliably reported that Jim approached one of the lady drivers of the (four) visiting 1914 Talbot vintage vehicles for help, only to be offered a ‘crank handle’ for the job!

(To be fair, Jim probably had tried something like that for his Lancia, among other things in the past and thought it worth a try!)

The Gulgong Pioneers Museum, established in 1962 and the home of one of the finest collections of Australiana in the country was the highlight of the destination for many of the group. The functioning Olde Time Print Shoppe with its typesetting machines and 1869 Albion hand press reminded us of quality British engineering at its best.



Speaking of well-crafted engineering, Trevor’s Morgan, parked across the road seemed appropriate, while Jim’s red ‘Sophia’ parked nearby seemed somewhat too shiny in historic Herbert St. But there’s more. As I was taking a photo of Jim’s car outside an adjacent old building (with apologies to Trevor) a common theme came to mind, “RUST.” It is well known to all of us who drive fine classic Italian motors that every

Italian car company has a ‘part number’ for rust in their catalogues!

The Henry Lawson Museum and just walking the old streets completed the morning. I wondered where that large Holtermann gold nugget, est. 3000 troy ounce or 93Kg gold content, ended up?

Excellent driving roads followed by lunch at the Ranch in historic Hill End, then via Sofala and Wattle Flat with lots more corners to test our vehicles and for some of us, our diminishing driving abilities... No, I’m not referring to Jim (or myself), since Jim peddled that Fulvia up Sofala Hill as though his life depended on it. Jim tells me that those ‘not-real-classics’ behind him, had real trouble keeping up with him. Just quietly between our group, I witnessed Jim, on subsequent arrival at a Bathurst servo’ top-up the Lancia with 35 litres of fuel and 36 litres of both engine and diff’ oil.



Dom is always telling me to ‘not let the truth get in the way of a good story.’

Not much time in Bathurst overnight but great driving to Kurrajong Heights for a sumptuous morning tea on the final Sunday morning. Home via the Putty Rd having completed 1066 miles in my Alfa. Rumour has it that those who followed James too closely, travelled a greater distance than that and we all know that’s the truth.

Thanks to you all for your company. My apologies for not mentioning everyone by name and other anecdotes. A good weekend wasn't it?

Special thanks to 'James' for all his homework, plus your turn next mate, for the carpark Scotch. I presume sugar-free!

[For more photos of the event, click here](#)



Hunter Valley Cruize-In Car Show - 16 September 2018

by Jim "The Mafia" White

There were only 5 PSCAA members who journeyed to Hunter Valley car show being Charlie and Pam Aquilina in the Classic mustang, David and Heather Haskett in their newly acquired 5lt Mustang, Jim White Lancia and Terry and Jean Appleby in their daily drive. Geoff Sinclair arrived for lunch in his MX5 (I had left early intending to pop into Jeff's at Branxton, ships in the night)

This event in the past was a drive from Glendale Shopping Centre which is South of Newcastle winding its way thru country lanes skirting Kurri and Cessnock arriving adjacent to Hunter Valley Gardens. I have travelled this route about 3 times but this year the drive was cancelled for reasons I do not know. As a consequence of the cancelation only about 150 cars turned up instead of the usual 250-300.

There were some really good toys about 8 Caddies, many members from the VW club with assorted Beetles some in that trendy rusty style also Kombis.

There were many American imports and the usual Holden and Falcons. What caught my eye was a Valiant E38 and in checking the Vin it was the real deal.

Tis a pity that was not the numbers of yesteryear.

[For more photos of this event, follow this link](#)

CTP Geen Slip Refunds

If you've not heard..... the NSW Govt has reassessed the cost of Green Slips (CTP), and is issuing refunds on all registered vehicles.

Check it out at....

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/news/green-slip-refunds/>

Love the Photos and Want to See More?

Do you have a Facebook profile? Then let me know and I will send you an invite to our PSCAA Photos page.

newsletter@pscaa.org.au

Want to Keep Up to Date with Events and PSCAA News?

Search for @PortStephensClassicAutos on Facebook and Like our page and click on Following. You will then be kept up to date with events and news.

Upcoming Events - October

Thursday 11 October Assoc. Meeting

To be held at the **Nelson Bay Bowling Club**, followed by dinner at Tails Restaurant.

Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp. Hope to see you there.

Sunday 14 October BBQ with Tilligerry Car Club

Tilligerry Car Club will be hosting us this year for a BBQ.

The venue is, **Tanilba Foreshore Hall**, 32 Tanilba Ave, Tanilba Bay 2319.

Meet at 10am for Morning Tea meet & greet, Coffee & Tea supplied by Tilligerry Auto Club. Midday-ish BBQ lunch will be prepared for all. Sunday Afternoon spent with friends enjoying each clubs company.

Meet at the Caltex at 9:00am

Thursday 18 October SWB

Boat Shed at Soldiers' Point Marina Phone: 49191234

Meet at the venue 1.00pm

Could you please Text Deb on 0416 030 938 if you are attending, as we need to advise the venue.

Saturday 20 October Auction at Lost in the 50's

For those members who may be interested in attending, not an organised event, just make your own way to the venue. See the web site for details, www.lostinthe50s.com.au/auction-preview

Sunday 21 October Afternoon at Little Beach Boat House

One of our big events of the year being organised by Charlie Aquilina. Downstairs at the **Boat House**, between 1 and 5pm, for canapes in an awesome location with amazing views! Cost will be \$40 per head for members and \$55 for non-members, drinks at own expense. **Pre-payment will be required.**

Meet at Venue, for a 1:00pm start.

Friday 26 October SMB

This month we are off to **Karuah Road House Pacific Highway**, Phone 4997 5306

Meet at Caltex 7.30am

Sunday 28 October- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Arrangements and Roster to be coordinated by Richard Timbs. A call for members to volunteer will be made shortly. A small number of Classic cars will be invited to attend for a PSCAA Display.

Open times are - 8.00am – 4.00pm

Upcoming Events - October

Sunday 4 November Breakfast in the Park

We are off to **Little Beach Reserve**. Bring the lot, there are good facilities for a BBQ breakfast, plus a shop located nearby.

Meet at 8.00am at the venue.

Thursday 8 November Assoc. Meeting followed by the AGM

As usual to be held at the **Nelson Bay Bowling Club**, followed by dinner at Tails.

Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp.

All positions are declared vacant – if you feel you can help with running of the club, now is your opportunity to participate by putting your name forward. Hope (and expect?) to see you ALL there.

Tuesday 13 November Mid-Week Pub Run

This month we are going to **The Junction Inn** in Raymond Terrace,

2 William St, Raymond Terrace. phone 4987 2014

Meet at Caltex 11.00am

Thursday 15 November SWB

Ladies lunch at **Inner Light Tea Rooms**, 5A Lighthouse Road Little Beach
49842505.

Meet at the venue 1.00pm

Could you please Text Deb on 0416 030 938 if you are attending, as we need to advise the venue.

Sunday 18 November - Pub Run

This month we will be going to **Erringhi Hotel** in Clarence Town, 21 Grey St,
Clarence Town, phone 4996 4101

Meet at Caltex 11.00am

Friday 23 November SMB

This month we are again off to the **Crepe Myrtle Tea and Coffee Rooms**, very popular last year.

63 Cowper Street, STROUD 4024 5601

Meet at Caltex 7.30am

Sunday 25 November – Hawaii Theme BBQ

Pearson Park at Soldiers Point, for a Hawaii Theme BBQ. Bring the lot, including suitable themed attire to make this a festive event!!!

Meet at the venue at 12:00pm



Monthly Meetings (except January) 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm
Nelson Bay Bowling and Recreation Club

2017-2018 Committee

- President - Laurie Nolan - 0406 747 847 - president@pscaa.org.au
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- Committee Member – Photographer - Terry Appleby
- Committee Member – Major Events Coordinator - Charlie Aquilina
- Committee Member – General - Richard Timbs - 0416113203
- Committee Member - Brian Turner - 0412496180
- Committee Member - David Linn - 0433 036 956

Appointed Positions

- Public Officer - Andrew Hamilton
- Club Plates Coordinator - Steve Ward
- CMC Delegate - Steve Crawford
- Assistant Events - Jim White - 0402 620 020 - jimwhite@virginbroadband.com.au
- Newsletter and Social Media - Michelle Gilliver-Smith - newsletter@pscaa.org.au



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