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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Welcome to the New Year of 2020 and to ongoing extreme weather.

Shirley and I certainly hope that none of our VSCC members or acquaintances has been impacted by the recent spate of disastrous bushfires. Our sympathy goes to those who have.

Lee and John have done a magnificent job over the past few years organising and co-ordinating meals before the General Meetings. Due to a looming lifestyle change they will be unable to continue in this role after March this year.

To continue this unique and most enjoyable custom we need someone to take over from Lee and John. I believe this initiative was the result of falling numbers at General Meetings and by all accounts attendance at General Meetings was restored.

Personally I have looked forward to a meal with friends before the commencement of the meeting and as it works so well it would be a step backwards to lose it.

A lovely afternoon of fellowship was had at our place on New Year's Day. We were so thankful that the weather was kind to us not being overly hot. Thanks to all those who were able to come along.

At our January Committee Meeting the Committee reviewed Constitutional amendments necessary to facilitate the introduction of recommendations by our Future of the Club Sub Committee.

Also other amendments to the Constitution were dealt with for the purpose of bringing the Club up to date with current Incorporated Association Practices.

Also commonsense suggests we do the job once and make all amendments necessary at the same time.

As soon as your committee is satisfied with amendments, a draft will be presented to the general membership. Hopefully there will be no delay.

Graham

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS and THANKS

The Editor and Publisher of *'The Vintage Bulletin'* **acknowledge** inclusions from Members and non-Members of The Vintage Sports Car Club of South Australia Inc.

THANKYOU **Brian Bennett, John Clare, Carmen Penley, David Prest, Graham Tonkin, Shirley Tonkin, Caroline Wood, Rodney Wood, Wayne Wood** and **Doug Young** for your assistance and/or contributions of words and/or pictures to enable this Month's *'The Vintage Bulletin'* to be available for distribution. Thanks too to all others who provided reports or pictures and snippets from which information was obtained for inclusion for the benefit of Members and Readers.

BULLETIN ARTICLE LOTTO

Craig Williams

Congratulations on winning this month's Bulletin Article Lotto.

I would appreciate it if you would supply an article, or two, on any subject(s) of your choice for inclusion
in the May 2020
issue of *'The Vintage Bulletin'*.

Thankyou, Wayne.

DISCLAIMER

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The Editor is always pleased to receive copy but reserves the right not to publish material which he considers prejudicial to the interests of the Club. The Editor also reserves the right to edit all contributions to maintain an acceptable standard and length.

Refer to "Diary of Events" for copy deadlines which allow preparation, printing and posting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday 13th December 2019

Friday 13th December. Two of the Wood clan celebrated their birthdays. (And 119 years ago Grandma was born on the 12th.) The Vintage Sports Car Club of South Australia enjoyed its Christmas Party in the Clubrooms … the Festive Season's first opportunity to add a few ounces.

It's not that I mind adding ounces. Shedding them is another matter. I note that larger shirts are an alternative which work quite well for most blokes, especially when pounds, even stones, are involved.

Before the event there was some anxiety about the quantity of food which could be on offer. Too much? Too little? It turned out just about right.

And, what about the variety? Fabulous in my opinion, even the chicken. (Not my favourite.) Scrumptious. Seconds and Thirds? Certainly.

Then there was the entertainment. Worthy of a standing ovation but we were too full of food to stand. Perhaps worthy of hiring a hall with a stage next year, eh? One of the actresses, (can I still use that term for lady actors?), was even enticed to attend the Club's November General Meeting for "practice"; allegedly her first General Meeting, ever. Professional!

Enjoying it all were Members and partners, most of whom were probably Members too. Maybe not as many present as in past years. Can't really tell because the Attendance Book stays shut for Christmas Parties. Nevertheless a goodly number.

And, there's more. The Party was free for attendees. No charge! Surpluses from Meals before Meetings and monthly raffles covered the costs. A reward for those who contributed to the Club by their attendance during the year.

Of course we were invited to bring food. "Not too much please." And, there was, as usual, a raffle. (Was that free too?)

Summing up: A night of celebration, jollity and frivolity staged in the main by the Ladies of the Club and enjoyed by this scribe. Very well done.

Congratulations everyone,

Wayne Wood

CUDLEE CREEK BUSHFIRE BENEFIT CONCERT

Come help us put a beat into the heart of the Hills' economy!

National Motor Museum
Shannon Street, Birdwood SA 5234
Sunday 9 February 2020
Grounds open from 10am.
Entertainment from 11.30am until 9pm

ENTRY BY GENEROUS DONATION PLEASE
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SA BUSHFIRE APPEAL

This concert is brought to you by the generosity of volunteers, donors and stake-holders co-ordinated by the National Motor Museum and the History Trust of South Australia. We thank the many people, businesses and organisations involved.

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY
BIRDWOOD - NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM GROUNDS

Featuring:

Adam Page **Atlantic Street Band** **The Bald Eagles**
Beccy Coles **DJ Driller and DJ Pablito** **Eclipse**
Indiago **Vonda Last** **Wanderers** **Ukulele Death Squad**

EARLY BIRDS' RUN
Sunday 12th January 2020

Once again this was one of our best attended events with a good number of Vintage vehicles turning out to travel in convoy at a leisurely pace on roads mainly devoid of modern traffic.

Rod, Roger and Wayne volunteered, (that's right volunteered – no arm twisting), several months ago to run this event; and what a good job they made of it, even down to the weather, (probably the best morning we have had for a month or more).

It was dark. Alexander was first to arrive, followed by Audrey and they met for the first time. Then others arrived.

Early Birds' Run *(Cont'd)*

We arrived at Montefiore Hill around 6:00am to watch the sunrise before departing around 6:30am. Our route took us through the North-Eastern suburbs mainly on multi-laned roads What little modern traffic there was out and about at that early hour had no problems getting past us.

I counted eight vinti's, eleven other collectable vehicles and one modern, (driven because their vinti had last minute problems). Let's hope we can maintain this level of participation throughout 2020.

Waiting patiently at Montefiore Hill where the new Adelaide Oval grandstands spoil the view of the City

Early Birds' Run *(Cont'd)*

We ended up as 'Tail-end Charlie' and it was good to see an unbroken line of our vehicles travelling in convoy for a good part of the route. Eventually the vagaries of traffic-light cycles split us into smaller groups until it was just us with Roger and Karen in front.

Our route took us along Pennington Terrace, King William Road, O'Connell Street, Prospect, Regency, Hamstead, Briens, and Bridge Roads, and The Grove Way. Then Golden Grove, North East, Sudholtz, Darley, Newton, St Bernards, Penfold, and Kensington Roads to Tusmore Avenue and Knightsbridge Road then Hazelwood Avenue to the Hazelwood Park on Davenport Terrace, at Hazelwood Park.

Relaxing at Hazelwood Park

Early Birds' Run *(Cont'd)*

At the Park we set up our chairs in a large circle ready to tuck into a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs provided by Barbara, Caroline and Wayne. Caroline and Wayne did most of the cooking while we were still out on the run. We enjoyed a convivial meal and natter in very mild conditions before heading home.

Thank-you to Rod and Barb, Wayne and Caroline and Roger and Karen for their efforts to get 2020 off to such a good start.

When will they finish eating? It's home time

WORDS by Brian Bennett

PICTURES by Carmen Perley **AND** John Clare

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DIARY OF EVENTS

NOTE

Runs and Events in **BOLD** are Approved VSCC Runs and Events.

2020

How good is it! Enough proper cricket on the TV without having to watch Big Bash games. Sometimes there are three International games being broadcast at the same time. But, I still fall asleep despite the need to frequently change channels.

JANUARY

	SUNDAY **26th**	DISPLAY AT GLEN EWIN ESTATE
	MONDAY **27th**	*AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday*
	FRIDAY **31st**	**GENERAL MEETING** **Ice-cream and spider Night**

FEBRUARY

	TUESDAY **4th**	**TWILIGHT RUN**
	THURSDAY **13th**	ABC Studios Tour
also	THURSDAY **13th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for February *Bulletin* 12m
	SUNDAY **16th**	**PICNIC RUN**
	FRIDAY **28th**	**GENERAL MEETING**

MARCH

	MONDAY **9th**	*ADELAIDE CUP DAY Public Holiday*
	THURSDAY **12th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for March *Bulletin* 12m
	SUNDAY **15th**	**HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING**
	FRIDAY **27th**	**GENERAL MEETING**
	SATURDAY **21st** and SUNDAY **22nd**	**WEEKEND AWAY** to Mannum

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APRIL

SUNDAY **5th**	GAWLER TO BAROSSA RUN For Veteran and Vintage Vehicles
THURSDAY **9th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for April *Bulletin* 12m
FRIDAY **10th**	*GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday*
SATURDAY **11th**	*HOLY SATURDAY Public Holiday*
MONDAY **13th**	*EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday*
THURSDAY **23rd**	**MID-WEEK RUN**
FRIDAY **24th**	**GENERAL MEETING**
SATURDAY **25th**	*ANZAC DAY Public Holiday*

MAY

THE NEXT MEAL BEFORE THE MEETING

6.30 pm Friday 31st January 2020

Zucchini Slice

$3.00 per person BYO Drinks

Co-ordinated by Lee Michelmore

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, **ALL GENERAL MEETINGS** WILL BE **PRECEDED BY A MEAL FROM 6.30 P.M.** IN THE **C.C.C. CLUBROOMS** AT CLARK AVENUE, GLANDORE **ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH** EXCEPT DECEMBER.
FORMAL BUSINESS WILL START AT 7.30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETS AT 7.30 P.M.ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

COMING VSCC EVENTS

TWILIGHT RUN

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Assemble at the Victoria Hotel "top of taps" 6pm for 6'30pm departure.
A "shortish" run through the hills to a Hotel for dinner.
We have a room to ourselves and plenty of car parking.

Nevin or **Marilyn** **(08) 8296 1994** or **0413 023 178**

TOUR OF ABC COLLINSWOOD STUDIOS

Thursday 13th February 2020

For people who missed the tour last August or who would like to re-visit the Studios. Non-Members very welcome.

Meet in the ABC café at 10.15am. Tour begins at 10.30am.

We will visit Radio Studio 891, (usually includes a chat with David Bevan), and the TV Control Room and Studio, among other interesting places.

Tour cost is $7.00 per person.

Wear comfortable shoes as walking tour lasts about 90 minutes.
Parking in ABC Rosetta Street Car Park or in surrounding streets.

Call John if secure parking is needed (for older vehicles).

After the tour, we will travel to the Mansfield Park Hotel, (a good Seniors' Menu), where parked cars can be watched from the Dining Room.

John Clare **(08) 7009 0143** or **0457 534 682**

PICNIC RUN

Sunday 16th February 2020

Please meet at the Weighbridge, Main South Road, Happy Valley at 10.00am for a 10.30am start.
We will take a one and a half to two hours drive through the southern suburbs to a picnic spot to be announced depending on the weather.

Heinz and **Susann Brandt** **0491 121 312**

ANOTHER COMING VSCC EVENT

HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING

Sunday 15th March 2020
10.30am until 2.30pm

Park 23, Adelaide Parklands
Anzac Highway
(Former Edwards Park Netball Courts)

ENTRY IS FREE

Primarily for self-propelled vehicles built before 1930 but other interesting vehicles also accepted
Owners and/or admirers of Historic Vehicles especially invited, with or without a vehicle

Soft drinks, coffee and barbecued sausages etc available for purchase.
BYO food and drink if desired

Free parking on site

Arranged by the Vintage Sports Car Club of S.A. Inc.
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Event Director: Rodney Wood

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YET ANOTHER COMING VSCC EVENT

WEEKEND AWAY

~~Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2020~~

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2020

Please note the date changes

To meet at Birdwood. BYO lunch at Palmer in the park.
Arrive at Mannum and booking into the Caravan Park.
Explore Mannum at your leisure e.g. Museum, Mary Anne Reserve, Secondhand/antique/op shops.
Dinner in the Mannum Motel Restaurant

Sunday drive to Murray Bridge where there is much to see before having lunch and leaving for home.
If you are interested please let **Shirley** or **Graham** know on (**08) 8258 6547** or **0401 314 563**; or at the January General Meeting.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

ALL BRITISH DAY

Sunday 9th February 2020

10.30am until 3.00pm
Echunga Recreation Grounds
Echunga/Hahndorf Roads, Echunga
Celebrating 100 years of ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY and of BENTLEY

Entries have closed

Admission Prices (Cash Only)
Adult $10.00 Child to 18 $5.00 Family (2 adults+2 Cildren)$25.00
Refer to web-site for more information for spectators

Event held on second Sunday each February

Other Coming Events *(Cont'd)*

The Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club
invites participation in the Fifth Annual

GAWLER TO BAROSSA VETERAN AND VINTAGE RUN

Sunday 5th April 2020

For Vehicles, including motorcycles and commercials, up to and including 1930 only.

$10 entry fee includes Morning Tea on the Lyndoch Village Green

Meet at Immanuel Lutheran School, 11 Lyndoch Road Gawler East, (enter from Daly Street). Assemble from 8.00am for a 9.30 start for Veterans and Motorcycles; 10.00 for Vintage vehicles.
Breakfast, Tea and Coffee available from School Volunteers.
Trailer un-loading and loading areas at the Start and the Finish.
Mechanic and car trailer will follow the cavalcade.
Food and drink available from Lyndoch Bakery opposite the Green; and from catering stalls at the Finish on the Greenock Oval.
Bring your own tables and chairs.

A Fun Day, with lots of prizes and trophies including the Sponsors Pick of the Day and the President's Trophy.

Enquiries:

Entries: David Prest 0438 112 266 or vvrun@gawlercarclub.com
Web: www.gawlercarclub.com

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A QUIET ACHIEVER

Our grand-daughter Emma was not an outstanding student, but she is quietly confident and determined; with a good work ethic and probably what would be classed today as 'old time values' of thrift and saving.

Midshipman Emma Bennett wearing her Officer's Hat

Thinking back, even as a tiny tot she displayed leadership qualities. At our Son's footy matches she would take my hand and guide me unerringly through the crowd to the kiosk, (even at away venues), and point at the chocolate bar display.

Studying was never easy but she made it through her Primary and Secondary schooling with satisfactory results. In her early teens she got a part-time job at a supermarket and snapped up any extra shifts that she could, saving diligently all the while. Aged sixteen she had saved enough to pay for a trip to England. By eighteen had paid off her car.

One day while still in her teens there was a power failure at the supermarket where she worked. It had an emergency generator, but nobody knew how to operate it. Emma, frustrated with the indecision of senior staff members, took control, followed the instructions on a chart on the wall; and brought the generator on-line without any problems.

For many years Emma expressed a desire to join the S.A. Police force but it does not accept recruits straight from school, preferring them to have some life experience before they start. Leaving no stone unturned in pursuit of her goal she undertook voluntary work and embarked upon a long-term fitness regime, (to work off some of those chocolate bars).

Following some research, she decided that the Federal Police force would be a better option even though she would have to move interstate for training. Then, seemingly out of the blue, (but obviously well researched), Emma announced that she wanted to become a "Maritime Warfare Officer" in the Royal Australian Navy, (R.A.N.).

A Quiet Achiever *(Cont'd)*

When questioned about what had brought about this change of heart she replied that she liked the female Officers' hat and at that rank, (Sub-Lieutenant), would be entitled to her own cabin along with attractive remuneration.

The first step in the process was to sit for a Defence Force Aptitude Test in which she performed well. Then came a rigorous selection process over a period of several months, including multiple interviews, psychological testing, medical and fitness testing; then several more months of waiting until she was advised that she had been accepted for Initial Training.

That Initial Training was designed to separate the sheep from the goats. All personal electronic devices were confiscated and for four weeks, seven days a week, from around 7:00 am to 10:30 pm the recruits were subjected to intensive theoretical and physical training. A few couldn't handle it and dropped out.

Following the Initial Training they got their electronic devices back, for off-duty use only. Now ranked as "Mid-Shipmen" they commenced two and a half years' more training described as "our longest and most challenging course". This proved to be the case with only eleven of forty starters qualifying at their first attempt.

It is not as bad as it sounds. In some cases illness or injury may have prevented completion of a required task, or in the cruellest cases a vessel may not have been available to undertake an essential activity.

Happily, Emma got through. Her self-assessment – "I am in the bottom ten percent academically and the top ten percent in practice". She becomes an Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

Emma at work on the Bridge

A Quiet Achiever *(Cont'd)*

As an Acting Sub-Lieutenant, Emma is qualified as an "Officer of the Watch" to navigate and drive without supervision any R.A.N. surface vessel.

This year, (2020), Emma will commence her first deployment, (two years), on a Mine Hunter. With prescribed service and internal training her career path can take her to the rank of "Lieutenant" and '"Lieutenant Commander". Beyond that she would need to complete a Masters Degree.

Emma was home for the first time in four years this Christmas accompanied by her partner, also R.A.N. and similarly ranked. (There is an argument about who should salute whom first). It is a pleasure to see the good -natured banter that passes between them and the obvious enthusiasm they have for their chosen careers.

Communicating (with them) is not so easy. They speak a foreign language full of acronyms that mean nothing to outsiders. For example when we enquired which area she would like to specialise in, Emma replied "PWO", (pronounced pee-woe). When asked to elaborate she replied "Principal Warfare Officer". When asked what this entailed she replied "it means I get to play with the big guns".

Naturally we are very proud of Emma's achievement. It's not a career path we envisaged when she was growing up, but I would say she is a lot happier than most young, (and many older), people in her (choice of) working environment. Already she has visited some of the Pacific Islands, Singapore and Hawaii as well as patrolling our Northern waters.

Brian Bennett ☺

Early Bird's Breakfast in Hazelwood Park

A Poem for Australia Day

My Country

by: **Dorothea Mackellar**

The love of field and coppice,
Of green and shaded lanes.
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins,
Strong love of grey-blue distance
Brown streams and soft dim skies
I know but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me!

A stark white ring-barked forest
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon.
Green tangle of the brushes,
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops
And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When sick at heart, around us,
We see the cattle die -
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady, soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the Rainbow Gold,
For flood and fire and famine,
She pays us back threefold -
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land -
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand -
Though earth holds
many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.

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Poetry Corner

COMMITTEE MATTERS

The following significant matters dealt with by the Committee at its Meeting on Thursday **9th January 2020** are reported for the information of Club Members and readers of *The Vintage Bulletin*:

- approved Application for Membership from Paul Vischjager;
- Geoff Clarke now in Residential Care;
- requests for display of vehicles from two Residential Care establishments;
- wording for some proposed amendments to the Club's Constitution;
- Club Captain's Calendar of Events; including Draft to December 2020;
- budget for Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering.

MOTORUMOURS

Geoffrey Clarke has moved into Residential Care. Ivan Brooks, Richard Kretchmer and Graham Tonkin are assisting with the clearing of his shed contents. Items are available for sale; and Geoffrey has generously agreed that all proceeds be donated to the Club.

Expressions of interest for the use of the Club RUGBY are sought for:
The Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering on Sunday March 15th 2020.
The Bay to Birdwood Run on Sunday 27th September 2020.
Members interested in using the RUGBY please contact the RUGBY Custodian **Chris Catt** on **0409 817 823**

Rainsfords Collectable Cars is advertising a RUGBY Tourer which looks like the one which belonged to the Late Fred Stace.

Cars and Parts and Things FOR SALE

*** Four Hy-lift Hydraulic Jacks. Suitable for slide-on camper, etc. $200.00
John Michelmore **(08) 8596 4461**

*** THE BAY TO BIRDWOOD BOOK by Bill Watson $20.00
190 pages of history of the Bay to Birdwood event from 1980
Bill Watson **(08) 8264 6355** or **bijo431@bigpond.com**

** DODGE all-steel Roadster (Turtle Back) Body approx. 1915
5 bolt-on wire wheels fitted with new white-wall tyres
Radiator shell and radiator; plus front axle
Ray Finch **(08) 8391 2832**

** Fitted Lambswool seat covers, including head rests, to suit 1969 MGB $150.00
Shirley Tonkin **0439 898 851**

* Geoff Clarke has moved into Residential Care and has donated workshop equipment to the Club. On 31st December 2019 the Secretary e-mailed to Members a list of items available.
These will be available from Richard Kretschmer approximately 20 minutes before the start of the January General Meeting.
If you are unable to attend the Meeting but wish to purchase any thing, then please call Richard on 0407 744 066 to reserve what you may want

Cars and Parts and Things WANTED

*** Any Parts for 1925 TALBOT 10/23
Alan Hollyfield **0408 894 193**

*** Volunteer interested in learning restoration of BEAN and VOLKSWAGEN *Kombi* Campervan; welding and use of lathe
Jim Thompson **(08) 8278 2927**

** Jack for 1933 FORD *V8*
Graham Tonkin **0401 314 563**

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