

## The Australasian **Motor Museums Association**

### **Motoring Matters**

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OF WHO WE ARE IS WHAT WE DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE

Vince Lombardi

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### **Chairmans Chatter**

Well another year is nearly over for the committee with the Annual General Meeting in WA just five weeks away, the notice of meeting & proxy forms will be sent in the next few days. Please return your nomination and proxy forms.

You had best hurry if you would like to attend the WA tour, further details can be found on the last two pages of the newsletter, this should be a great event with an interesting itinerary arranged by our WA members and guest speaker Jocelyn Richardson (Joc) of Bill Richardson Transport World, Invercargill, NZ is sure to provide an interesting perspective from the other side of the ditch.

The 2016 World Forum of Motor Museums has now been announced, to be held in Germany, 12-16 September 2016 at the Auto & Technik Museum, SINSHEIM in southern Germany. Further info on page 9.

Membership has increased slightly since the March newsletter with one new NZ member bringing us up to 62 members at the 30th June.

The treasurer thanks all those members who have paid their annual subs, but we still have quite a few who have 'forgotten'. This is an ongoing challenge for us as it creates a lot of extra work for our volunteers following up to ensure a member really doesn't want to retire, which is what we would naturally presume from a non payment. We know from past experience that this is not usually the case, so come on , please pay your subs, they are now 2 months overdue.

We will be reprinting the National Brochure early in 2016 as we have 2 members who have joined since our 2015 print run. Please let us know if your listed details on either the web-site or the brochure need to be changed. Contact details on page 6.

I can at last announce we have found someone willing to act as moderator for our web forum and he has been working with our site designer to ensure a successful launch. Unfortunately problems were found and development continues, this should be resolved and the forum launched in the near future.

This year we had the pleasure of attending the VACC/RACV Australian Motoring Festival compliments of the RACV. This was a great opportunity to promote AMMA and more specifically our members facilities. My thanks to those members who sent through brochures for us to hand out and to the members who provided volunteers to work the crowd. Great event, appreciative audience and many brochures distributed.

Back in June I received several phone calls requesting brochures from the public and on enquiring where they had heard about AMMA, I learned of several articles in Australian Muscle Car Magazine which had featured members vehicles and promoted our AMMA National Brochure. A big thankyou to the magazine for this free publicity, we certainly could not afford to buy this sort of coverage.

We continue to receive enquiries regarding the location of vehicles featured on the brochure so if you have a good quality photo of a rare vehicle in your collection please consider sending it to us for use on the web-site or in future print runs of the brochure. Continued over.....

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This year we have also provided 2 letters of support to members for funding applications, both have been successful so please don't forget we can provide this type assistance if requested.

Last month I had the pleasure of attending the launch of the Automotive Historians Australia Inc, a new group having many common interests and members with AMMA. I would urge you to have a look at their web-site; http://www.autohistoriansaustralia.org/

Unfortunately this year has been a challenging one for the committee. While our member numbers increased we were unable to hold our scheduled six monthly meeting in Tasmania as we could not achieve a quorum of committee members present. This is an ongoing issue for the association with some committee members having to pay from their own pocket to attend and some not even able to claim a deduction for this cost attending, committee meetings must be rationalised, we will explore our options at the upcoming WA meeting where it is also likely we will not achieve a primary quorum.

This brings me to the question. What do our members really want of AMMA?

We have a charter (rules) which guides us, but in reality it would appear our main value lies in promoting our members on our Web-Site and the National Brochure. Should we just focus on these and minimise the membership fee or do members really want us to continue to broaden the services we provide to fulfil our charter? I would appreciate any feedback either to myself or any committee member.

Finally. We really struggle to service our members without active Delegates who will contact members and provide brief reports on activity, please consider nominating.

Regards, Peter Gault

President Australasian Motor Museums Association Inc

## Nuts & Bolts

### **Promotional Photo's**

We can now display larger photo's on our website gallery, this is an area potential visitors may use to determine which attractions they wish to visit. Are we displaying the best shots to promote your museum, if not, please send copies along with a photo title to: <u>info@australasianmotormuseums.com.au</u>

#### **Brochures**

Do you still have AMMA brochures available for your visitors to pick up? If you need more, email or ring us and we will post them out. Contact details are on page 10.

#### **Events**

Many members run special or themed displays or host special events over the course of each year, AMMA provides a **'free'** events page for you to promote your feature events to the public. Have you tried it? Go to <u>http://www.australasianmotormuseums.com.au/events\_exhibits.php</u>

#### <u>Grants</u>

Are you looking for some financial support to grow your enterprise? <u>http://grants.myregion.gov.au/</u> http://www.business.gov.au/grantfinder/grantfinderlist.aspx

### Local Government

Link on Museums Australia (Victoria) web-site with some good advice on how to interact with Local Government. <u>http://www.mavic.asn.au/assets/MA\_Local\_Council\_04.pdf</u>

## **Reprint's** - clever things we have seen recently

#### Leyland P76 1974 V8 Auto Deluxe 6 seater. Advertiment

It drives very well, original car in very good condition. You wont find many like this anymore. A base model V8 with no other options, no power steering, no A/C, no carpets not even a radio....no ugly holes in the dash no aerial....nothing. Although with the wonderful noise emanating from the dual exhaust when driving with the windows down, you would never turn it on, even if it did have one.

I like to think of it as a lightweight Bathurst pack.....but I don't think anyone else does.

As a base model car, from the light weight era of "Less Is More" it does not have any electronics in it. Not even a clock, and certainly.

Picks up five

times

more women

than a

Lamborghini.

- No computers
- No turn by turn satellite navigation,
- No electric windows,
- No bluetooth connectivity.
- No MP3 compatibility,
- No radar cruise control,
- No stability control,
- No hill decent control,
- No self parking,
- No Flux capacitor,
- No airbags
- No rear DVD players,
- No subwoofers,
- No Automatic wipers,
- No central locking,
- No alarm,

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- No ipod connectivity,
- No drinks cooler,
- No auto dimming mirror,
- No active suspension control,
- No reversing camera

....you get the idea.

I have found this to be a distinct advantage for a 'sometimes' car. When the car is off....it is off. Nothing to drain the battery, if you don't drive it for 3 months it does not matter. Just get in turn the key and off you go."





People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader leads, and the boss drives.

> Theodore Roosevelt Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com/

Wall Street is the only place that people ride to

from those who take the subway.

### Warren Buffett

Read more at http:// www.brainyquote.com/

in a Rolls Royce

to get advice



### **Events of interest**

### The Australian Motoring Festival - Melbourne



Well the VACC/RACV Australian Motoring Festival 2015 was a great event for AMMA & our members. First I would just like to acknowledge the generosity of the RACV who invited us to attend and provided AMMA with a free site in the fantastic "History of Motoring" display hall. I am not sure of the commercial site prices for this event, but based on other exhibitions attended I would estimate this site would have been worth in excess of \$3000 to a commercial exhibitor.

Overall the event was attended by around 25,000 visitors mainly on the Saturday & Sunday. Thursday & Friday had quite low attendance possibly due in part to the inclement weather. AMMA still had quite good contacts on these days as many of the commercial exhibitors and owners of vehicles on display availed themselves of the chance to have a good look around the huge show grounds site.

A special word of thanks to our stand volunteers, Matt Lombard who travelled over from the National Motor Museum -Birdwood, SA (3 days). Brian Ebert from the Fox Classic Car Collection, Duncan Malcolm, Ian & Jan Kennedy (2 days) & Leigh & Cheryl Sheilds, all from Gippsland Vehicle Collection. It was only through our volunteers efforts we were able to open from 10am till 8pm every day of the event. Thank you to all.

Finally we would also like to thank all the members who sent us brochures, we distributed nearly 4,000 member brochures in total, with 1440 of these being the new AMMA National brochures. http://www.australianmotoringfestival.com.au/



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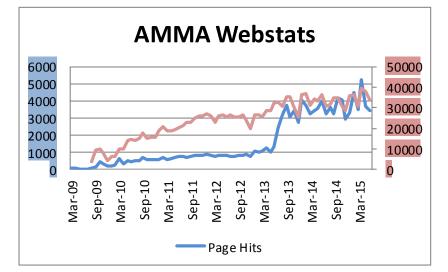


## www.australasianmotormuseums.com.au

Our web site "hit" numbers have remained relatively static this year with our highest number in the month of April following the Australian Motoring Festival.

Development continues with the "forum" now having a volunteer moderator working with our site developer to iron out any issues before we go live.

We have also created a facebook page and a Twitter account , though both are quite inactive. I guess these are not going to work until someone posts on them.



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## The Motor Museum of Western Australia

After many years of meetings, planning, and revenue raising chairman Kelvin Ferris is pleased to report that the commencement of a new 2,000 square metre building is underway. This will contain.



An artist's impression of the new building (left) with the existing building on the right

Showroom: Additional display area for a more diverse range of approximately 80 further motor vehicles.

Motor Racing: A section dedicated to motorsport.

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**Reference Library:** Some 12,700 manuals, motoring books and motor related publications have been donated to the Museum and are in need of a dedicated stand-alone environmentally protected room. It will include copying facilities, research/study area and a computer.

Lecture Room and Theatrette: This learning centre will allow our education program to have its own home with state of the art appliances for school groups, technical institutions and universities. This dual purpose facility will be available to car, motorcycle, truck clubs etc. and other members of the Whiteman Park community for meetings and seminars etc.



**Workshop:** This will include two hoists, technical equipment (modern and vintage) for practical use, demonstration and display along with a viewing window for visitors. There will also be scope for trainee education. Above all, the workshop will provide a dedicated and safe resource to preserve and maintain our fleet of Museum vehicles.

**Amenities:** A bigger new kitchen, resting area, dining room, disabled toilet, office, shower facility and change room.

AMMA was able to provide a letter of support for this project. Congratulations to all involved at the MMWA..

## **Current Members - June 2015**

4Cs' Museum - Mirboo North - VIC Allansford Cheeseworld Museum - Allansford - Vic Ash's Speedway Museum - Bathurst - NSW Australian Motorlife Museum - Kembla Grange - NSW Australian War Memorial - Cambell - ACT Bailup Ford Farm Museum - Bailup - WA Bicheno Motorcycle Museum & Restoration - Bicheno - Tas Bill Richardson Transport World - Invercargill - NZ Caboolture Historical Society - Caboolture - QLD Campes Motor Museum - Hamilton - Vic Charlies Arthur's Seat Auto Museum - Arthurs Seat - Vic Chrysties Museum - Tocumwal - NSW Coleraine Classic Cars - Coleraine - Vic Como Gardens - The Basin - Vic Dardanup Heritage Park - Dardanup - WA Elfin Heritage Centre - Moorabbin - Vic Fire Museum of Queensland Inc - Petrie - QLD Fire Services Museum of Victoria - East Melbourne - Vic Fox Classic Car Collection Trust - Docklands - Vic Geelong Museum of Motoring - Geelong - VIC Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club - Geraldine - NZ Gippsland Vehicle Collection - Maffra - Vic Goolwa Motor Museum - Goolwa - SA Harrow Transport Museum - Harrow - Vic Katikati Military Vehicle museum - Katikati - NZ Koorda Motor Museum - Koorda - WA McFeeters Motor Museum - Forbes - NSW Meek, Daryl - Ballarat - Vic Merredin Military Museum - Merredin - WA Motor Museum of WA - Whiteman - WA Motorcycling Australia - South Melbourne - Vic

Museum of Fire - Penrith - NSW Museum of Timeless Memories - Sale - Vic National Automobile Museum of Tasmania - Launceston - Tas National Holden Motor Museum - Echuca - Vic National Military Vehicle Museum - Edinburgh Park - SA National Motor Museum (Australia) - Birdwood - SA National Motor Racing Museum - Bathurst - NSW National Museum of Australia - Canberra - ACT National Transport Museum - Inverell - NSW Parkes Antique Motor Club Inc - Parkes - NSW Peterborough Motorcycle Museum - Peterborough - SA Pioneer Settlement - Swan Hill - Vic Portland Powerhouse Motor & Car Museum - Portland - Vic Powerhouse Discovery Centre - Castle Hill - NSW Queensland Auto Museum - Hampton - QLD Queensland Motorsport Museum - Ipswich - QLD Quennell, Peter - Maffra - Vic RACV Heritage Collection - Noble Park - Vic Richardsons Harley Davidson - Prospect - Tas Ridley's Motor Museum - Bertram - WA Ruston's Classic Car Museum - Renmark - SA The Motorist - Gembrook - Vic The Nuthouse - Grass Valley - WA The Tractor Museum of WA - Whiteman - WA Trafalgar Holden Museum - Trafalgar - VIC Transport & Main Roads Heritage Centre - Toowoomba - QLD Trevan Collection - Lismore - NSW Vickers Holden Museum - Mandurah - WA West Coast Motor Museum - Stakehill - WA Wonders of Wynyard - Wynyard - Tas York Motor Museum - York - WA **New Member** 

# **Snippets**

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### The Automotive Historians Australia Inc

Several committee members attended the launch of this new group in Melbourne on the 4th August. It would appear we have many shared interests with this group and also several common members, we will consider working with them on matters of common interest and develop a relationship if possible.

### http://www.autohistoriansaustralia.org/

Automotive Historians Australia (AHA) was founded in Melbourne in 2015 to promote the understanding and enjoyment of automotive history through scholarly research, discussion and events.

### 2016 - World Forum of Motor Museums - Sinsheim, Germany 12th to 16th October, 2016



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The 2016 World Forum will be held in Germany, on 12-16 September at the Auto & Technik MUSEUM SINSHEIM in southern Germany. For the latest information on the 2016 forum please watch the 2016 Forum Page http://worldforumformotormuseums.com/2016-forum/

There is an excellent a Motel on site with conference facilities. The Museum is close to Stuttgart and the incredible Mercedes and Porsche Museums and plants. Historic Speyer, Mannheim and Munich (BMW Museum and Plant, MAN Trucks and the World renown Technik Museum etc) are within reach by coach or fast train.

Sinsheim is in a delightful part of Germany, with easy access from Frankfurt international Airport. This is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow museum owners and senior motor museum staff from around the world. The se bi-annual forums are usually attended by over 100 people and often go behind doors and visit collections not generally available to the public.

We will keep you informed as further information comes to hand. Contact: Kelvin Ferris (see page 6)





The Australian International Concours d'Elegance & Classic Motor Show

23-25 OCTOBER>2015 ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING MELBOURNE

Motorclassica will return for its sixth event in 2015, to be staged again at the iconic, heritage-listed Royal Exhibition Building, from 23 to 25 October. Gippsland Vehicle Collection will again have a stand and be distributing AMMA brochures on behalf of fellow members.

With over 500 vehicles on display inside and outside the building, Motorclassica is said to be Australia's premier event for rare and exotic, historic, vintage veteran classic and collectible cars & motorcycles.

Celebration marques for 2015 include 50 years for the Supercar, 50 years of Dino, 50 years of Shelby Mustang, 70 years of MV Agusta and 50 years of the Bugatti Club Australia.

http://www.motorclassica.com.au/

The punishment which the wise suffer who refuse to take part in the government, is to live under the government of worse men.

Plato

## AUSTRALASIAN MOTOR MUSEUMS

### ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & TOUR 3RD - 5TH OCTOBER 2015



Arrangements are under way for our Annual General Meeting to be held in picturesque Mandurah, West Australia. We invite all members to consider attending, to meet fellow members and support the executive who work tirelessly for you at their own expense. Mandurah is situated some 60klms south of Perth on the pristine banks of the Peel estuary.

- Accomodation Our WA delegate has arranged the availability of 10 standard rooms at the Atrium Hotel Mandurah for members at \$123.00 per night. www.atriumhotel.com.au Visitors will need to contact the hotel directly by telephone (08) 9535 6633 or email reservations@atriumhotel.com.au and quote booking number "MOTORM" to confirm & pay for rooms. It will be in your interest to book early as it will be school holidays & Mandurah being a Holiday Destination is likely to be booked out quickly.
- Transport We can arrange collect interstate visitors from the airport on Friday 2nd Oct and get you down to Mandurah. Please let us know your plans well before departure. Transport Contacts; (Ron 0418 935 613 or Kelvin 0402 329 457)

### 3 Programme of Events

Saturday Pickup from the Hotel and travel to the <u>West Coast Motor Museum</u> for the day. We will hold our meeting and delegates will be able to participate in a members forum raising any questions for discussion by the group.

At West Coast you will see an interesting collection of vehicles including many Australian speedway racers and a broad range of mainly classic American vehicles. Urn will be hot for tea/ coffee as required throughout the day, complimentary luncheon supplied. www.westcoastmotormuseum@westnet.com.au

<u>Guest Speaker</u> – Joc (locelyn) Richardson, CEO of Bill Richardson Transport World, Invercargill, NZ. Joc will give an outline of the Bill Richardson Transport Worlds operation and give us a New Zealand perspective on how we might further assist our current NZ members and bring the sector together.

Return to hotel with complimentary dinner at a restaurant within walking distance of hotel

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Peel Bus Hire and Charters



YORK MOTOR MUSEUM



### **AUSTRALASIAN MOTOR MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION**

### Sunday

We will travel by coach to the <u>Vickers Holden Museum</u> to see Mitch's extensive collection of Holden Premiers, before moving further south to view the extensive **Dardanup Heritage Park** www.dardanupheritagepark com au where we will enjoy complimentary entry and a light lunch before spending some time viewing the extensive range of displays including a steam powered sawmill and tractor pull.

Return to hotel before enjoying another complimentary dinner downtown.

### Monday

We will travel to visit the <u>York Motor Museum</u> to see the renown Briggs Collection with complimentary morning tea in historic York.

Visit <u>Pernechele's Ford Family Museum www.fordfarm.com.au</u>, possibly the largest Australian collection of Fords from "T" models thru to a Ford GT40 and also Australia's biggest collection of G.T. Falcons. Enjoy a complimentary BBQ lunch at the JIMMY DEAN'S DINER.

We move on to the Motor Museum of Western Australia www.motormuseumofwa.asn.au for afternoon tea and an inspection of the display & facilities.

Return to Mandurah via Perth Airport to drop off any visitors wishing to fly out tonight.

### Tuesday

For those staying over we may arrange a River cruise taking in the Dolphins and canals if we have enough starters and we will endeavor to get you back to Perth airport as per earlier transport contacts.

We understand that all but two of our West Australian members will be in attendance and they would welcome a strong showing of interstate visitors.

Please note that complimentary catering can only be provided for 2 persons per membership. Any extra staff or guests registering will be welcome to attend all sessions but catering will need to be self funded. Specific item costs have been negotiated and are believed reasonable.

We look forward to seeing you all in WA 3rd/5th October 2015 if possible.

Please make your travel and accommodation bookings and inform us, How many will be attending, on which days and if you will require assistance with transport to and from the Airport? Send these details at the earliest opportunity to:

> Peter Gault Chairman AMMA Info@australasianmotormuseums.com.au (03) 5145 1427

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