



## **AMMA Newsletter Autumn 2025**

Hello everyone,

Your roving delegate has been on the road again travelling the Eastern Seaboard, catching up with old, existing, and potentially new members.

First stop was McFeeters in Forbes with Bill and Helen still keeping the doors open seven days a week, longing for retirement. Bill managed to sell me some memorabilia from his extensive shop, stock from the amazing model shop in Peak Hill, if anyone has been there.

Then on to The Depot in Deniliquin, a very impressive new museum, displaying a huge collection of Golden Fleece and Ampol signage.

Next stop, Lincoln Land in the Grampians in Victoria. Jim and Karen Liethhead, who are keen to join us.

Just down the road in Hamilton is Glen and Margaret Campe's Museum. Upon arrival we were devastated to hear that Margaret had recently passed away. Our thoughts are with Glen and his family at this time.

On to Portland where we popped into the Powerhouse Museum who have, after being a founding member, have retired from AMMA. I am hoping they may change their mind.

Home via Canberra and Ollies Garage with Ian and Tina's collection of Ford, Holden, Rolls Royce and Bentley. It was timely, as we were able to make contact with fellow Sir Henry Royce Foundation members who were meeting that weekend. Ian's forward thinking and passion for Virtual image touring, in my mind, is the way forward for supplementing incomes for all museums the World over. More information will be in the next edition of the magazine.

Recently I have been contacted by the custodian and good friend of Brad Bonning now deceased. Brad was taught the art of aluminium body building by his father and has built a very unique three-wheel roadster on a Honda 1,000 cc motor bike. The vehicle has been on display at Motorlife for some time and is now looking for a new home, and possibly for sale at a reasonable price.



Brad's father was Warren Bonning who I had the pleasure of knowing. I have one of Warren's replicas in my own museum. Unfortunately, I just do not have enough room for Brad's roadster.

Warren joined the RAAF in WW2 and spent the war years in Canada building fighter aircraft for the allied campaign. Upon his return, Warren used his experience and talents as a hobby, creating many specials for racing and hill climb. It is my understanding that Warren, who passed away a few years ago aged 95, at 80 years, set the record for the Rob Roy hill climb which still stands today.

Certainly, a family worth remembering and honouring. If anyone is interested, they can contact me, and I can put them in contact with the current owner.

That's all for now, your current Chairman,

Colin Kiel.

