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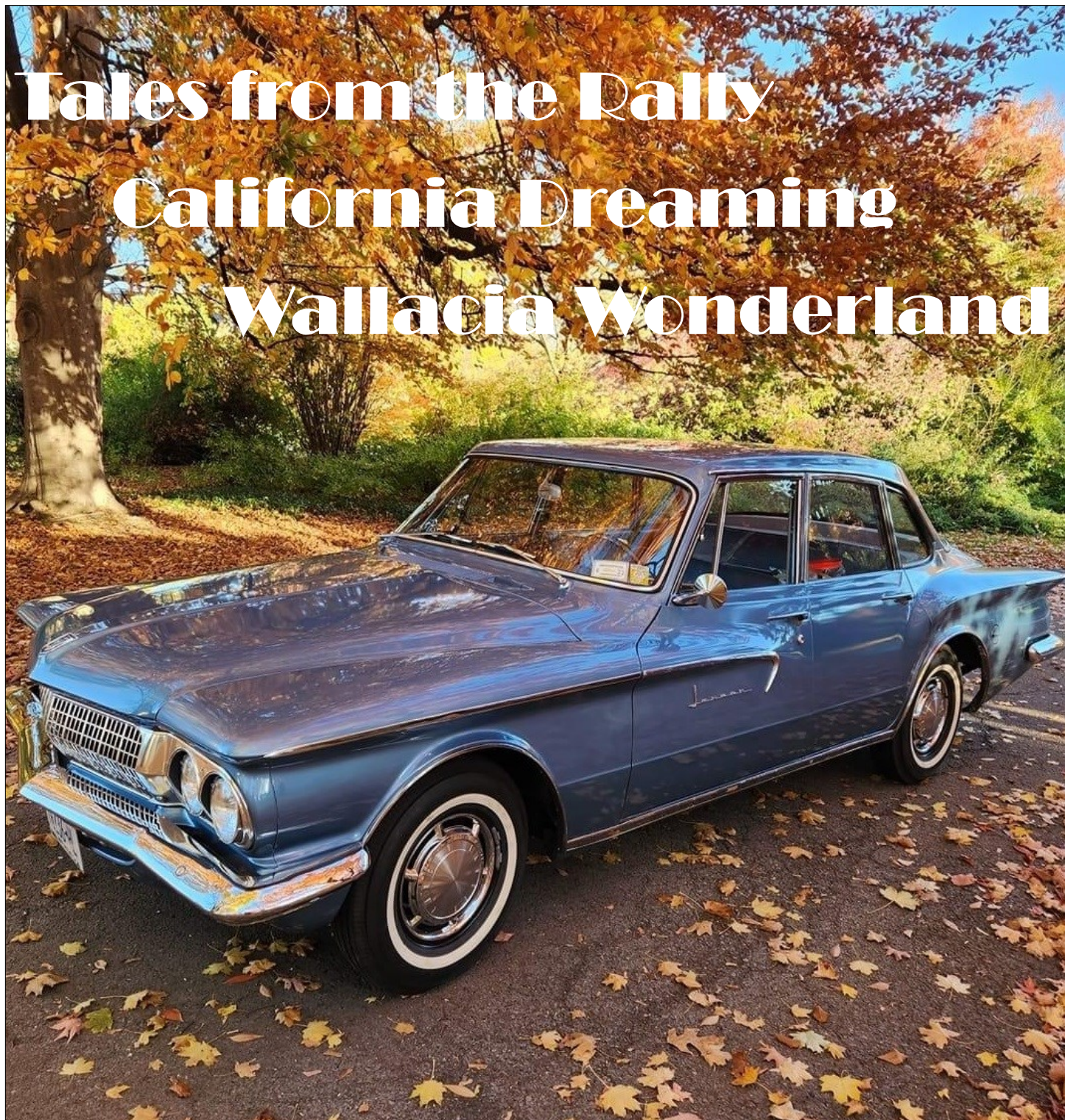
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CLUB CALENDAR & RUNS 2023

Please advise Bob Thomsen 0418 162 808 or Colin Money 0418 696 830 if attending

Meetings held monthly at 8.00pm Brian Wunsch Centre. 128 Avoca Road, Wakeley. NSW 2176.



All American Day. Macarthur Square. 200 Gilchrist Drive, Campbelltown \$20 vehicle entry 8.30am



Picton Studebaker Museum then a run to Nepean Dam Bar-go for lunch. Meet Curry Reserve Elderslie. 9.30am



Luddenham Model Park 869 Luddenham Rd Luddenham. Meet at venue \$20/car No open shoes. 10.00am



20th - Shannon's Classic. Meet at venue Eastern Creek 8.00am. 27th -Wake Run Canton Beach. Meet at McDonalds Thornleigh. 7.30am



Oakville Bush Fire Brigade Day. \$10 per car. (Go in together) 13 Old Pitt Town Rd, Pitt Town. Meet outside. 8.30am.



Wisemans Ferry picnic. BYO picnic food/drinks/chairs Meet at McDonalds, McGraths Hill. 10.00am.



Heatherbrae Pies. Off M1/F3 Freeway going north for morning tea, then to Umina Surf Club for lunch. Meet at McDonalds Thornleigh 9.00am.



All Chrysler Day. Penrith Museum of Fire. \$20/car entry (includes one passenger). Meet at venue. Gates open 8.00am



Campbelltown Steam & Machinery 86 Menangle Rd, Menangle Meet @ Uncle Leo's service station Crossroads near Liverpool 9.30am.



Illawarra Light Rail then onto Illawarra Airport Museum. Meet at Uncle Leo's service station Crossroads near Liverpool 9.30am



Kurnell Picnic. Meet McDonalds Roberts Rd Greenacre. BYO picnic food/drinks/chairs 9.30am.



Christmas lunch. Lizard Log Park. Cnr Cowpasture Rd & The Horsley Dr Abbotsbury 9.30am



President's Message



I won't begin with I can't believe it is March already but, I can't believe it is March already. We have had our first club run and whilst it didn't go exactly to plan (See Luddenham or Wallacia article in this issue), we had some new members attend and I hope they enjoyed the experience, nonetheless.

On that note, I would like to welcome to the club, new members David and Kathy Chapman, Brian Subkey, Geoff Windsor, Steve Barnes and a belated welcome to Nathan Clark. We have wonderful people with a wealth of knowledge and experience (as well as those hard to find parts) that you can draw on. We hope you attend as many runs as possible and bring your own stories to the club.

Speaking of stories, please feel free to send me the story of your car, how you got it, the known history and about six photos. This magazine comes out six times a year and doesn't write itself...

You should have all received a copy of the Special Anniversary Edition that Michael Barker and I compiled last year. Your committee decided to make a gift to all financial members as a memento of the early days of the Valiant in Australia. We hope you found it of interest.

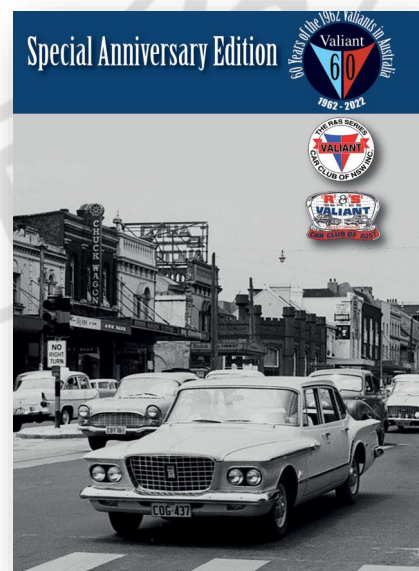
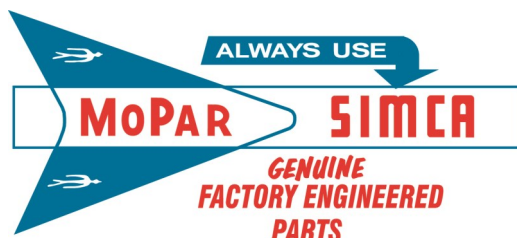
I do receive quite a few calls from our regional members and that is gratifying. I am here to assist wherever possible. Please feel free to call me (or the relevant club official) if you need help or advice.

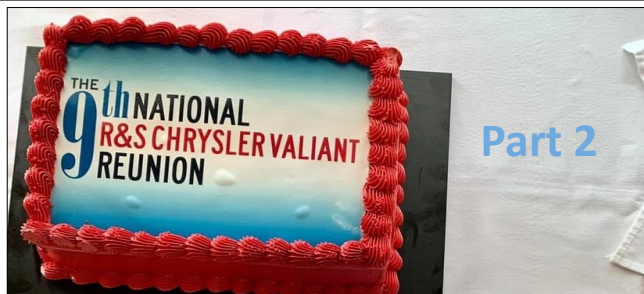
I have been advised there is a change to the date of the May run. Please refer to this magazine for run dates.

Enjoy Autumn. Let's hope for a reasonably dry one.

Colin Kenny-Levick

President





By Michael Sidney



It was now day one of the official rally. Yee ha! This is gonna be fun.

Thursday Rally Day 1

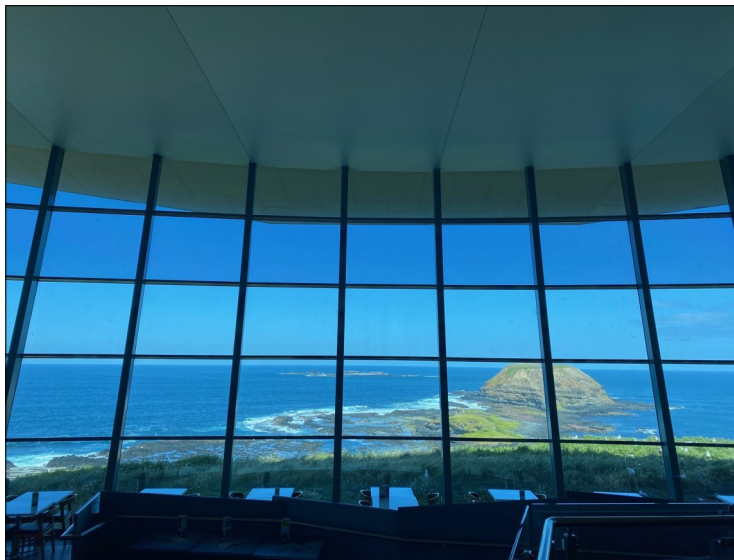
Walhalla. On day one we were off to the small, historic town of Walhalla (sounds like a Norse Viking place). There were people to follow so we were set. There was no chance of us leading people astray today. Walhalla looked interesting. A mining town tucked away deep in the countryside. There was a mad rush for the train so we grabbed a great seat in the outdoor part. Wow, it was freezing (more of that Victorian summer shining through).

On the way back, short of shoulder barging, we made sure we got a seat in the carriage to warm up a bit. Sorry if you were someone we mowed down in our quest for warmth. Lunch was supplied at the station. There was quite a long wait for this and the people serving seemed a bit overwhelmed. Maybe this was their cunning plan as by the time we got a meal we were starving and enjoyed it very much.

After a bit of a walk through town – well drive / walk through town, we made it to the main attraction and reason for the town – the gold mine. When we reached the gold mine, they said we need to wear a hard hat. Karen looked at that hard hat – thought about messing up her hair, bit her lip and shoved it on. Thank goodness!!! We could now proceed. I must say I am not a fan of walking in the mud and the mine was muddy. What surprised me, after looking at the map of the mine, was that we did not even walk through a quarter of it. It went a long way below ground. It really did not sound like the ideal job. They had a room where you could sleep. This was required if you turned up early. You could be waiting possibly three hours to start. That would not wash well with us today. They must have loved their job!

From Walhalla we returned home via Moe. I knew that Moe was my kinda town because there were lots of people that wore flannel shirts like me (obviously they were cold as well) and bargain shopping at the supermarkets. So, first stop was Coles to peruse the deals and get some sustenance (wine) and then to Kmart to search for those winter cloths that did not seem to exist in Victoria at the moment. Brrr.

A fairly uneventful cruise back on the freeway and we were at Warragul – even I could navigate a freeway. Happy, happy. We arrived back in time to enjoy the newly acquired wine (yes we had those glasses at the ready) and some snacks. We were living the high life, and on a car rally. Winning!



Friday Rally Day 2

Phillip Island Today's rally trip was to Phillip Island. The weather was kind to us – what a glorious day. We had been lucky with the trip. When it was required to stop raining it did. (Thank you, rally committee. Your organisational skills are impeccable).

We were in true form today. The GPS took us the direct route. We were there very early and missed all the sightseeing (which everyone else had done). And true to form, a few people trusted us and followed on this direct route. Be warned we are not good at this.

We arrived at the Nobbies Centre and, as we were early (very early), there was time for a coffee. Gee, we could have had a meal we were so early. When everyone caught up to us, we left here and headed for Cowes to join the line-up and have lunch. The Victorian committee got to Phillip Island early and saved us just about all the parking spots opposite the pub. What a fantastic line up. The pub was a great spot looking out over our cars and the ocean. After some wine and a hearty lunch it was time to go.

Next stop the Vietnam Veterans Museum. I am not a war museum sort of person, so this was brief (I am sure it was interesting to a lot of people), however chocolate yes. Last stop was the chocolate shop. I did close my eyes and buy some for my kids. These were not Cadbury's prices... eek.

Coming home we saw Bruce on the side of the road. He had stopped to help someone and he subsequently broke down. I warned him that there were heaps of cars behind us and that he was destined to explain again and again what had happened to each as they stopped to help. This might hurt more than the actual break down.

The GPS had not finished with us today and as we got close to Warragul it took us on a last minute detour that saw us wind through the bush on a single lane road. Lucky everyone seemed forewarned this time and did not follow us home. What a relief.

Tonight we thought we would seek out the "Three Wise Men" (they seemed to be having a great time). Yes, let's have pizza. Whilst their party had already commenced, we volunteered to go get the pizzas. So cheap! (that very much appealed to the TAVO – (TIGHT ARSE VALIANT OWNER) in me. After a few drinks and some Pizza even we could easily navigate past three cabins to get home. This was high living.



Saturday Rally Day 3

Show and Shine This was in the centre of Warragul. Again, the committee organised pretty good weather with just a tiny but bearable shower of rain. Well done.

It was great to get to see all of our cars together and be able to take a walk and have a really good look. Wow, it was impressive. Cars were parking in different groups by category, Original, Restored, etc. and this was good for comparisons of like for like cars, albeit all are a bit different. Bruce had further issues with his car and it unfortunately left on a trailer.

A highlight was Nathan Clark's two door R series that he trailered down from Sydney. I think the resto was so fresh that it was only finished days before travelling.

Presentation Dinner Doing a bit of community service we agreed to squeeze the Three Wise Men into the car with us and give them a lift. It was all worthwhile as they partied hard and certainly was fun to watch, which made for a good night.

The meal was great and the cake was amazing – yet another triumph for the rally committee.

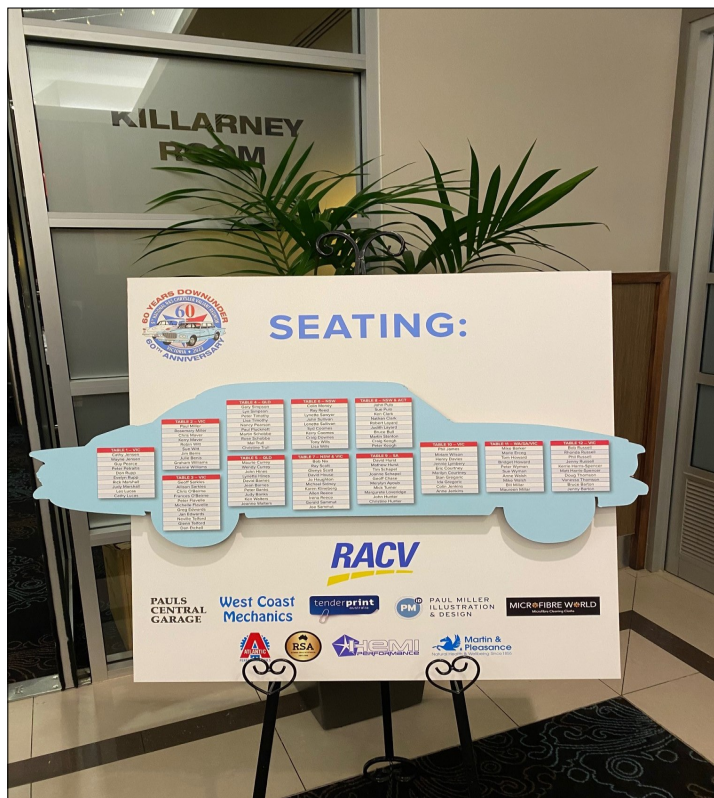
Unfortunately COVID rained on our parade and about 30 people could not attend the dinner. Such a shame, as with all rallies the 'whole group' is the group and you want to see everyone there. There was an auction of Valiant stuff and all of the items were amazing. I would have had them all. Not being a real auction buff, I tried to bid on some items but bidding was hot and being a big TAVO I had to call it quits. They just didn't have anything for five bucks!

The highlight for me was winning two prizes from the judging. These were Most Original R Series and Presidents' Choice. I was stoked and very, very excited. This was made even better by Col Money (Best Modified R Series) and Ray Scott (Best Original S Series) getting trophies as well. NSW did very well.

Sunday Rally Day 4

Trip home – Albury Well, the party was over for our Three Wise Men. Bob and Craig high-tailed it out of town before sunrise. Bye bye fellas. Col was obviously attracted to the idea of free breaky in the park so he lingered a bit longer. The last part of the rally was the BBQ breaky in the park at Warragul. It was a great farewell for those that could make it. It was freezing (Bloody Victorian summer), but great to catch a few last minute conversations with the people we had been on the rally with and say our goodbyes.

We said to a few people "Want to follow us? We are going through to Albury." What were we thinking? The GPS stayed true to form and with bad decision making on our part (was it the GPS or us that was the problem – not sure). We led a few of us on the long way around Melbourne and through the countryside to get to Albury. There was Karen and me, Sue, Tony and Lisa and the remaining Wise Man, Col. So, after getting lost and driving what seemed like endless country roads, we made it Albury. We lost Lisa and Tony along the way (they beat us there I might add), John was



very sick and Sue did an amazing job trying to look after him and drive the whole trip to Albury. As for the navigators, we were relieved as the rest of the trip was a straight road. Surely we could manage this. On arrival, everyone was very tired and went to rest. We were determined not to give up and went out to dinner with Lisa and Tony (our new found friends from Narrabri). It was great to have a last hurrah for the rally.

Monday Going Home Day 5

This day saw us farewelling those who were left. Col had had got his directions from the other Wise Men and left before sunrise (you would think the three of them were scared of turning into vampires). Off to Wagga Wagga – our first seriously solo trip. It was strange to be on our own travelling after the week we have had. It was great to catch up with Karen's cousin and then back to Goulburn for the night. We were sad we could not visit Jo Haughton and David House for some "champas" and dinner but they had been touched by the Covid curse. So feeling unadventurous, we checked into a motel right near the freeway and bunkered down with a wine and some snacks for dinner. Blessed we had our trusty wine glasses right to the end.

Tuesday Going Home Day 6

Today it is time to go home. TAVO style I treated Karen to some Macca's for Breakfast. Parking at Macca's, it was an empty car park so I thought that is great. No one will damage the Valiant. Next minute we looked out the window and the 'other car' in the car park had parked next to me. Geez! Then five minutes later, 'the third car' in the car park parked on the other side of me. Unbelievable. (I am sure we have all experienced this frustration before).



The trip home from Goulburn was an easy one, straight up the Hume highway – no GPS, required. Nobody trailing behind us to get lost. We were carefree. It was great to be home. The car ran great, even if it was only running on five cylinders. Why do people alert me to this stuff? – Worry, worry, worry. But being home and on reflection, what an amazing experience. The Victorian Club excelled themselves and gave us the best time. They just had everything covered. Thanks to all who organized and attended.



LAURIE RECONNECTS HIS VALIANT WITH A CALIFORNIA SERVICEMAN

BY LAURIE MURRAY



In the glove box of my toy was some paperwork relating to the garage that serviced the car when it was in America along with a letter from the guy in Victoria who imported the car and then sold it to a guy in Brisbane who I purchased it from. The letter mentioned a man call Moe, to whom I wrote a letter and posted it off a week or so ago. In that letter I explained details of where the car is now and advised my email. To my utter excitement I received this reply from Moe today. I have to tell you I am over the moon to have received this.



Good evening Laurie, this is Moe (Maurice) Donaldson from Reedley California. I just received your letter concerning the 1961 Plymouth/Valiant 2-Door sedan in the mail today and what a surprise. I am still at the station at 1508 11th street in Reedley California after either working or owning the station for the past 52 years. I was fortunate enough to buy the station in my early 20,s and kept it a service station with 7 repair bays. I have had the opportunity to own, buy, sell, trade over 100 old cars over the years. Great hobby!!! The vehicle you are restoring, I remember it very well and the lady that owned it (I am sure she bought it new) was a regular customer of mine. I was the only person in our shop that she would let work or service her vehicle. As I recall, the Valiant was Baby Blue in color and the last work that I did for her was install a new exhaust system. I kept track of the Valiant for many years and often tried to purchase it, but she would never consider it. I forgot all about the Valiant until I read your letter. You made my day!!!! The old lady lived about 2 blocks from my station, but it seemed like the car disappeared and so did she. What a great story. I have sold many vehicles that have ended up in Australia.



...AND PROVIDES A REBUILD UPDATE



After 18 months, the body work is finished. The inside of the doors are painted, as well as the boot area and engine bay. The front end was totally dismantled and gone right through. In a previous update, I shared info on grafting S Series lower ball joints into my R Series, which I did successfully. Back then, I did manage to get hold of some NOS screw in lower R ball joints but I could not get the old ones out of the housings, even using the proper tool and a huge length of steel pipe. Some months later and discussing this with an old mate of mine, who is bit of an engineer, he told me to bring the new joints and the old arms up to him and we ended up heating them up and then dropping them into cold water and the old joints came out rather easily. I am always hesitant to heat suspension parts but as the lower arms are cast steel our good mechanic mate assured us it would not be a problem. End result is my R Series front end is back to R Series again. Happy.

The engine, as you can see, is back in the car and running after a ton of work getting it going. Being on an engine stand for some months (nearly 12), of course everything has to be primed before starting it up again. Even though everything was primed, we still had problems with oil pressure, compression and spark. I think the little 170 was telling me she didn't want to come out of retirement just yet. But in the end she pitched in and is now running sweetly.

This beautiful car is not my only project. An old Honda CB750K is also demanding some of my time. As a result the Val has been perched on the back burner, but not for long. Soon, the wet sanding will begin and the colour will go on. I have just received all my rubber bits and pieces from Richard down at Rubber Seals Australia. He did a fantastic job and I am very happy with the result.

Luddenham or Wallacia?

By Colin Money, Bob Thomsen

& Ray Scott



Well, it happened to us again. Second run for the year and second disappointment! Our February run to the Model Park at Luddenham didn't quite go to plan. You see, the park was only open to members of the Sydney Society of Model Engineers (SSME) on 26 FEB 2023!

So here we were, all revved up with no place to go, outside the gate to the complex, where there were a number of R & S Series Valiants, along with a handful of Ford Thunderbirds assembling, ready to shell out \$20 each and roll on through those gates.

After a little soul searching, navel gazing and a few utterances that can't be repeated here, it was decided to change venue and head to a park near the Wallacia Caravan Park. So off we went, in a magnificent convoy of 3R's and 5S's, leaving those Thunderbird owners to decide their own destiny for today. Needless to say, upon arrival in Wallacia, there was only a stray dog walking around and the lady at the window too, well I'm not sure what it was really, but she duly took our \$6 entry fee and issued an orange card in return.

To our amazement, we had the run of the entire shelter shed, where the BBQ's, which appeared to be pre WW2 examples, were passed over in favour of Bobby Nix's gas burner cooktop. The toilets were about 200 metres yonder, and, enough said. Scattered around the shed were, Col Money, Bob Thomsen, Bob Nix, Dave & Cathy Chapman and Madison (Grand daughter), Clive & Lorraine Home, Luke & Rowena Tyler, Ray & Glenys Scott, Kenny & Carol Clark, Tony & Mary Borg and Paul Sidney. Norm Williams put in an appearance at Luddenham, but was unable to spend the rest of the day. Well, nothing quiets a rowdy mob more than food, so when the announcement was made, it was time to dive into the cauldron and retrieve your frankfurt, slap it on a roll, dress it with condiments and hoe in. Ah, sheer bliss

Afterwards, it was back to making new friends and re-acquainting with old, for the remainder of the day, talking about our latest car purchases, or that vintage caravan, and despite our trials, I think a wonderful day was had by all. And thanks to Tony and Mary for the pumpkins. You might remember the Ford Thunderbirds. Well, as we know, the Valiants are leaders when it comes to style, the Thunderbirds played follow the leader, and eventually turned up in the park we had selected, ha!

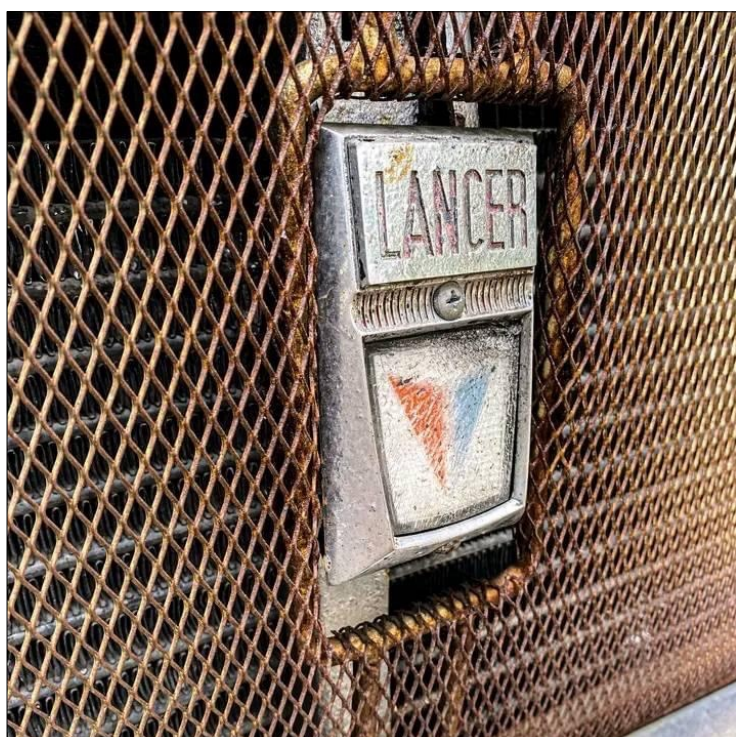
AUTO ODDITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(96) INDONESIAN DODGE LANCER

BY COLIN KENNY-LEVICK



Here is one of the more strange ones. We thought the DeSoto Rebel from South Africa was an odd one but this one found in Indonesia uses a 1960 Valiant body, a 1961 Dodge Lancer decklid with DODGE lettering, a 1961 grille hood pull but with a "Lancer" overlay on the Valiant name, a grille that looks to be fabricated in a blacksmiths shop (I am unsure if this is original or not) and hood and decklid ornaments that might be from another model or unique to this car. The trim on the lower doors truncates at the end and does not go up the dogleg. We have no idea what is inside the cabin.



Auto Oddities from Around the World

1960-1961-1962 Swiss Valiants By Colin Kenny-Levick





Continuing with the variation theme, we find ourselves in Switzerland (Suisse to the locals). It seems Chrysler Corporation was happy to let its different markets “customize” to local expectations and tastes. We have seen the Desoto Rebel (a rebadged Dodge Lancer) in South Africa and the interesting “1961 Dodge Lancer” in Indonesia on P 23. Even our own R and S Series were customized to local requirements. With 14” wheels, inclusion of rear amber indicators, etc.

So, to the Montage Suisse versions. On both the 1960 and 1961 versions, they included their identification on the hood pull emblems. On the rear of 1960, 61 and 62 cars, they placed “Chrysler on the lower lip of the decklid. On the 1962 version, having no hood pull emblem, they included the Montage Suisse on the decklid name plate, either side of the Valiant name.

The interior of the 1961 (inset image) shows the pedals including the foot operated parking brake. Sadly, we didn’t get that feature on our cars.

It must be remembered that after the Chrysler take over of Simca in 1958, they established Chrysler International, headquartered in Geneva, to oversee all international subsidiaries outside North America. This made for interesting variations in this period.

It's the Same Same but Different.

By Mike Shime



Checking out Valiant bits and pieces



CHRYSLER AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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4th, 5th, 6th DECEMBER 1961

AGENDA
CHRYSLER AUSTRALIA LIMITED.

SERVICE MANAGERS' CONFERENCE.

To be held at "LIDO", Anzac Highway,

MONDAY DEC. 4th to WED. DEC. 6th INC.

CHAIRMAN - MR. A.H. BYRNE

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Service Managers Assemble.

The (RV-1) Valiant launch in Australia did not happen on one day or at one event. Prior to the media/public launches around Australia on January 18, 1962, there were other launches. There were the dealer conventions held in November 1961 followed by the Service Managers' Conference over three days in December 1961 (featured here), followed later by the employees launch and then the January 18 public launch. It was a poorly kept secret.





SERVICE MANAGERS REVIEW VALIANT — CONVENTION 1961

Delegates to the second service convention for 1961 held in December, had the opportunity of an "inside view" of the Valiant.

During the course of the convention, technical sessions were held, and delegates appreciated the advanced in-

formation. These training sessions form the basis of similar schools to be held in all regions under the control of the Zone offices.

Highlight of the convention was a visit to Tonsley Park assembly line and the actual road testing of a Valiant.

It would have been great to be present at the various launches in Adelaide and around the country back in 1961 and early 1962. A revolutionary car was about to be released to the Australian public and Chrysler management were excited about its prospects. They weren't disappointed.

The Service Managers' Conference was a three day event and, as you would expect, focussed on what the service department staff would encounter. They would be familiarised with all aspects of the car's body and mechanics and would be instructed on use of special tools and areas that could present issues throughout the serviceable life of the car. There were both manual and Torque Flite models on display and they got a chance to drive the cars on the road.

There was a visit to the MoPar annexe at Tonsley Park plant (well before its expansion in 1963) to see some of the assembly work. Construction was carried out there and at the Mile End plant.

It was a three day workshop with Q & A sessions with questions from visiting service managers who had sent them in beforehand. Lunch probably consisted of cut sandwiches and cordial...

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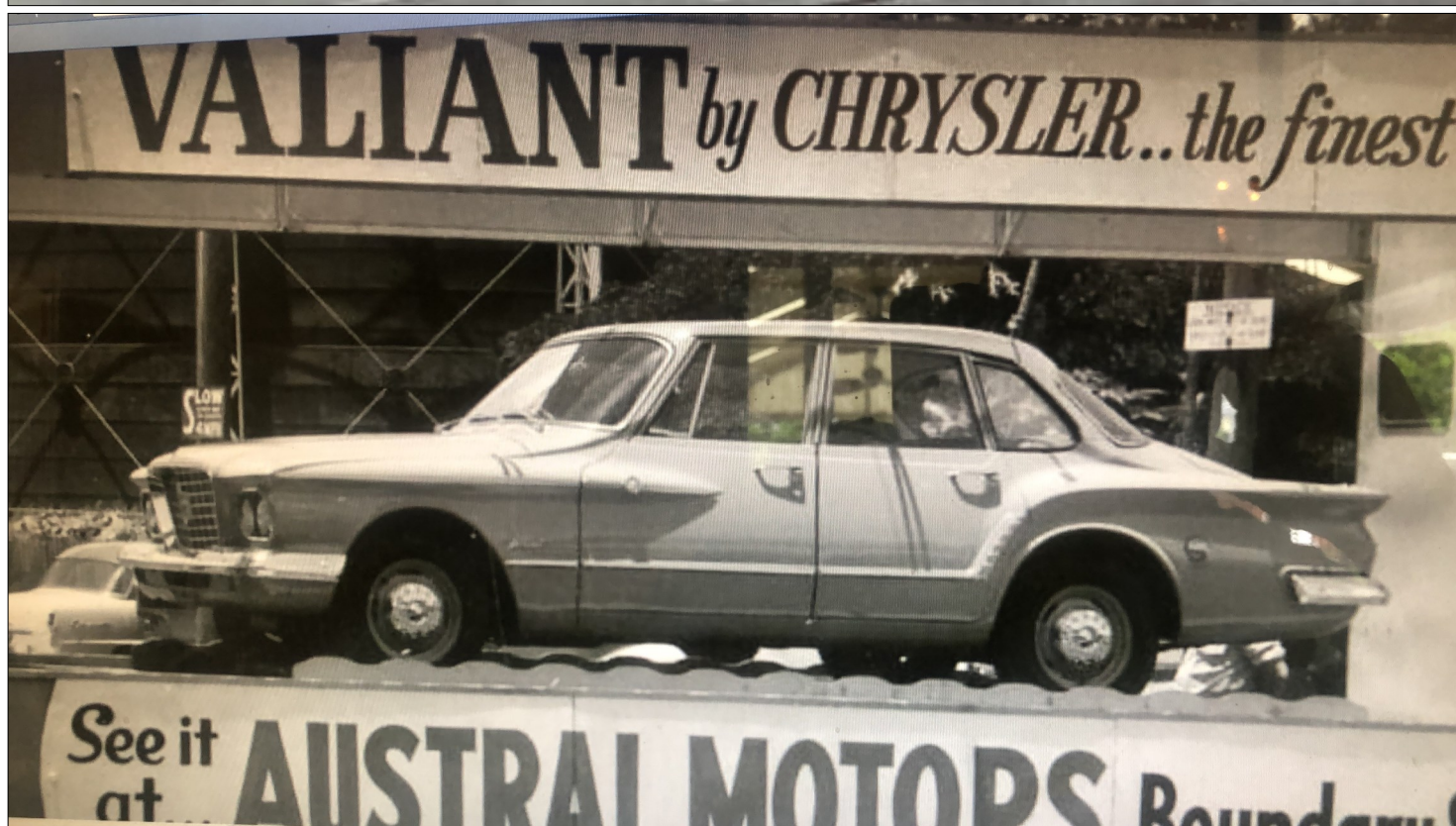
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Blasts from the Past



V.I.P.'s SHOW GREAT INTEREST—NOVEL TRAMWAY DISPLAY



Above is a photo of the crowded showroom of Harden & Johnston, only one of similar scenes throughout the Commonwealth. At left Mr. Duncan of Austral Motors, describes the car to Mr. Nicklin the Premier of Queensland (on right).

Below is an illustration of a novel display arranged by Austral Motors with the co-operation of the Brisbane Tramway Trust. Needless to say it created terrific interest.



As mentioned elsewhere in this edition, the Valiant release was the worst kept secret. Early production models would be paraded around cities on car carriers and driven by distributors and servicemen prior to the January 18 launch. One such distributor was Brisbane's Austral Motors. They hired an open tram carriage and had a Valiant paraded around town early to whip up public demand.

Also, jumping the gun was the Sydney Daily Mirror. The new Valiant was front page news on January 11, a full week ahead of the January 18 official launch.

Chrysler executives would have had to sign off on these exposures which makes you ask, why did the press release say, "not for release before 11.00am on January 18 1962"?



Club Parts For Sale—Contact Colin Money

Members' Prices Only

BADGES

1. R & S Series "Torqueflite" Boot Lid—\$45.00
2. R Series "By Chrysler" Boot Lid—\$60.00
3. R series "Valiant" Front Guard - each—\$45.00
4. R Series "Valiant" Boot Lid - each—\$45.00

STICKERS

5. Air Cleaner Stickers—\$7.50
6. Fire Wall Stickers—\$7.50

LENSES

7. S Rear Indicator (Flat Yellow) - Set of 2 identical—\$40.00
8. R Rear Indicator (Curved Yellow) - Set (1 L & 1 R) - \$40.00
9. R & S Front Indicator - Set (1 Left & 1 Right) - \$70.00
10. S Rear Tail Light (Round) - Set of 2 identical—\$80.00
11. R Rear Tail Light (Cats Eyes) - Set (1 left & 1 Right) - \$90.00

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16. Auto Trans Gear Shaft Rubber Seal—\$10.00
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18. Rubber Hose Block-offs - heater—\$5.00
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20. Inner Speedo Cables—\$45.00
21. Inner and Outer Speedo Cables—\$120.00
22. Radiator Hose lower P/N 0014 (both R & S) - \$30.00
23. Radiator Hose upper RV1. P/N 0072 - \$20.00
24. Radiator Hose upper SV1. P/N 0013- \$20.00
25. Ignition & Door Key Blanks—\$3.00
26. Boot Key Blanks - \$3.00
27. Wiper Spring Stainless Steel - \$10 each

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28. Grille Badge—\$25.00
29. Lapel Badge—\$7.00
30. Club Polo Shirt—\$45.00
31. Club Baseball Caps—\$15.00
32. Club Bucket Hats—\$15.00
33. Club Car Window Sticker—\$5.00
34. R & S Laser-cut Displays—\$75 (Limited Stock)

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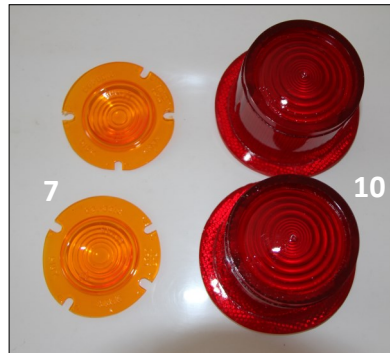
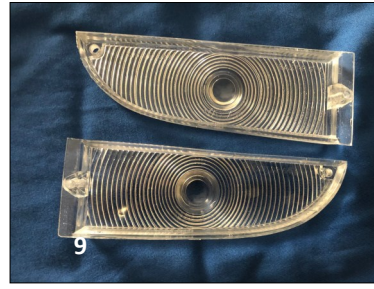


S Bootlids—Number 1 appears to be rust free, has a tiny ding near the latch, plus a few minor scratches. Number 2 – has some minor surface rust on the underside, and a few small dings.

Both have the latch plates attached. **\$300 for number 1 and \$200 for number 2. Phone Albert Carpenter 02 4736 3498**



Club Parts For Sale—See Page 20 for Prices





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NSW R & S Valiant Club – Minutes – General Meeting – 6th February 2023

Meeting Opened: 8.02pm chaired by Colin Kenny-Levick, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members Present: Colin Kenny-Levick, Ray Scott, Col Money, Bob Thomsen, Michael Sidney, Steve Barnes, David Smith, Bob Nix, Charles Dimech & Bev Mullins, Syd Coomes, John & Sue Pulo, Kostas & Sonia Mihail.

Apologies: Paul McCurley, William Reid, Warwick & Jan Nicklin, Peter Morthen.

Minutes 5/12/2022: Minutes of the previous meeting recorded by Paul had been printed in the January-February 2023 magazine, recently emailed to those present and were accepted on the motion of Col Money, seconded by Bob Nix.

Treasurer's Report: Ray Scott distributed copies of the report for January 2023, and advised income of \$110 for 2 new members, and expenses of \$921.15, resulting in a balance of \$6,986.46 as at 31/1/2023 in the cheque account, plus the term deposit of \$11,066.60, making total funds of \$18,053.06. Expenses were \$286 for magazine printing, \$9.90 for member badges, \$125.25 for envelope labels and postage, \$500 for 20 CMC Shannons Day tickets. Report accepted on the motion of David and seconded by Bob Thomsen.

Membership Report: Sue advised that the membership was now 89 plus 6 life members, totalling 95. She has emailed Brian Subkey asking for a completed Application for Membership form, as he direct deposited \$55 on 14/1/2023.

Correspondence In: Application for Membership form received from David & Kathy Chapman on 6/12/2022 and payment of \$55 for membership fee received on 7/12/2022.

Application for Membership received on 2/2/23 from Geoff Windsor dated 2/1/23 & direct deposit of \$55 on 3/1/2023.

Email on 15/12/2022 to Colin K-L from National edeposit for The Forward Look – NED253724 – Jan-Feb 2023 mag.

Tax Invoice 2676 from Laberton Pty Ltd for \$9.90 for name badges for David Chapman and Kathy Chapman.

Tax Invoice 35694 from InPress Printing for \$286.00 for printing 115 copies of Jan-Feb 2023 magazines.

Name badges for David Chapman and Kathy Chapman received 21/12/2022.

Thank you card from Paul Baker to the Committee for the 60th Anniversary book about the interesting history.

Letter posted 6/12/2022 from 9th Reunion Planning Committee thanking NSW members for their participation.

Reimbursement request from Sue Pulo for \$55.95 for adhesive labels for envelopes for club magazines.

Reimbursement request from Sue Pulo for \$69.30 for postage of 31 Jan-Feb 2023 club magazines.

Email from Ray Scott on 4/1/2023 attaching 3 pages of Treasurer's Report for December 2022.

Email from Ray Scott on 6/1/2023 advising payment into bank accounts for InPress, Laberton, Sue Pulo.

Email from Peter Morthen on 14/1/2023 forwarding advice from new member Brian Subkey of \$55.00 deposit.

Email from Peter Morthen on 18/1/2023 forwarding advice from new member Geoff Windsor of \$55.00 deposit.

Email from Paul McCurley on 24/1/2023 with Tax Invoice from Fairfield Council for \$175.00 for meeting room hire Feb to June.

Email from Mark Kunach on 27/1/2023 re appreciation of club magazines and recent health issues.

Email from Warwick Nicklin on 30/1/2023 with Spare Parts & Merchandise details for Dec 2022 and Jan 2023.

Email from Ray Scott on 5/2/2023 attaching 3 pages of Treasurer's Report for January 2023.

Magazines In: R & S Valiant club of S.A. – December 2022 (and by email 18/12/2022).

R & S Valiant club of Victoria – August-December 2022.

R & S Valiant club of W.A. – August-December 2022.

Special Anniversary Edition for 60 Years of the 1962 Valiants in Australia – 1962-2022.

Chrysler Restorers' Club of Australia – December 2022.

Correspondence Out: Sympathy cards sent to John & Lenette Sullivan and Sonia Mihail on 6/12/2022.

Special 60th Anniversary books handed to 3 members at club meeting on 5/12/2022.

Special 60th Anniversary books posted (\$3.30 postage each envelope) to 58 members on 9 & 12/12/2022.

Reply to David & Kathy Chapman on 12/12/2022 re Application for Membership form emailed 6/12/2022.

Email to Surjata from Laberton Pty Ltd on 14/12/2022 requesting name badges for David & Kathy Chapman.

Special 60th Anniversary book posted to David & Kathy Chapman on 15/12/2022.

Welcome letter to David & Kathy Chapman dated 29/12/2022.

January-February 2023 club magazines posted to members and other clubs 28-29/12/2022.

Email reply on 18/1/2023 to new member Geoff Windsor re direct deposit on 3/1/2023 and application form in post.

Email reply on 27/1/2023 to Mark Kunach from Colin Kenny-Levick re magazine and health issues.

Editor's Report: Colin K-L referred to the back page of the current magazine and said he will send a Tax Invoice to valiantparts.com.au. He mentioned computer problems needing to be solved before he can create the next magazine. He still needs more articles from members, as a regular contributor, Mike Shime (Michael Barker from WA) will be unable to provide articles for several months. Michael Sidney intends to write Part 2 of his 9th National Reunion article asap.

CMC Report: Michael attended the first CMC meeting for 2023 on January 31 and completed the appropriate form and paid \$500 with a club cheque for 20 tickets in Area B at the Shannon's Classic at Eastern Creek on August 20. Members will need to let Col Money know if they wish to attend asap and purchase a \$25 ticket from the club. The tickets will be issued in June. There is a reduced number of overall spaces available this year. This year is the 60th anniversary of the CMC with an event on March 5 at Wenty Leagues club - \$40pp prepaid. 1800 cars on CVS scheme. Michael will try to attend the CMC Registrar Day on Sunday May 28.

ACD Report: Colin K-L said the next All Chrysler Day Committee meeting is on 15 February and the event is on 15 October at Penrith Museum of Fire. Colin Murphy will continue trying to get extra food vendors to come this year, as he did last year.

Events Report: Bob Thomsen advised the next run is on 26 February to Luddenham Model Park, no open shoes, limited food options. The run in May to Campbelltown Steam & Machinery at Menangle is on 21 May, not 28 May. Colin K-L mentioned he and Paul went to the All American Day on January 22, and he thought numbers were down, possibly due to rain on the day.

Club Plates: Michael advised there had been 3 members renewing registration recently.

Spare Parts: Col thanked Warwick for emailing details for December and January. Spare parts sales were \$177 in January and merchandise sales were \$30 in December. Stock at 31/1/2023 is \$5,279.30 for spare parts and \$2,363.15 for merchandise. Col advised thermostat housings and suitable radiator caps are hard to find. The price quoted for mud flaps was incorrect, now \$176 per pair and rubbers \$105. A member bought a thermostat housing through Repco and the packaging revealed it had been sent to Repco from PlumKrazy. Kostas suggested importing 20 thermostat housings would cost about \$13.50 each. Colin K-L suggested a possible directory in the club magazine for members of where to buy some individual "hard to get" spare parts.

General Business: Syd saw on Facebook that rear venetians were not being made anymore. He got a heater cable made at Conwire, 10/14 Sheridan Close, Milperra. He showed members a large brochure he had framed recently.

Other members had noticed information that suggested Kathryn Williams may be selling her S Series.

Next Meeting: Monday 6th March 2023 at 8 pm **Meeting Closed:** 9.05 pm



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