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Chunky's Chatter

A light hearted and sometime irreverent monthly look at the world of Lotus



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Cover Photo From 'The Lotus Forums', Texan Ty Mackey's Evora. 7 years on and still looking great.

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Presidents prattle
With Ashton Roskill



August brings the fresh Spring showers, on and on for hours and hours"....OK, so I pinched that from Flanders and Swan, and changed it to suit the Southern Hemisphere, but it still resonates as I'm spending too much time in cold and wet Melbourne!

And as a result I missed another monthly gathering, which I understand went well - even if Rory didn't persuade any of you to buy Andy's Eleven. This month we are off to Bruce's shed, which is always a highlight of the year, particularly as it tends to fall close to the anniversary of my buying his Eleven (can you see an obsessive theme emerging here?) so please come and keep us company on 17th so Bruce doesn't get bored to death by me.

By the time you read this the five or six (I lost count!) teams of Lotuses will know the results of the Philip Island 6 hour, so be ready to crown the conquering heroes on their return.

This month also starts to get busy with all sorts of fun coming up - Tom's Lotus Lunch this coming weekend (I have to try to persuade Mrs R to drive me there in the Elan/Elise - you should come just for the giggles :)) - then there's the Morgan round of the CSCA sprints on 13th, with the Shannons CMC Classic the following day where, God willing we might have two Elevens side by side; a fortnight later is the glorious All British Day, with our biannual Concours d'Elegance. And most importantly in between (25th) I get a nice clean license back from the RTA :)

So plans are afoot for a trip to the magnificent Gosford Motor Museum sometime in September or possibly early October. Watch this space.

And talking of road trips, who's coming to the Cootamundra Sprints on 3-4 September? What better way to celebrate Fathers Day?

Also in September are two CLA institutions - our AGM on Wednesday 21st - nomination forms attached - please do think about joining the fun of the Committee - I promise we don't bite. We are welcoming Greg Cliffe as our new Treasurer and saying a huge thank you to Kris so please come along to join me in saying my thank you's to them and all your committee. The following weekend (25th) is Eggs Benedict, in sad but joyful (if that's not an oxymoron) memory of Maurice, and we will also be running the second annual Round the Buckets. Anne is looking out some fun roads for you to try en route there or home.

I think that's possibly enough diary management, and as I really can't bear to pass comment on the aftermath of Brexit and Boris Johnson as Foreign Minister, the recent horrifying evidence of home-grown torture, or the looming possibility of the lunatic fringe running the worlds largest nuclear arsenal (with another nutter with his hand on the other button), I shall leave it at that.

I look forward to seeing some more of all of you over the coming months as I reorganise my diary to be more Lotus friendly.

In the meantime drive safely, keep it upright, pointing the right way, and on the black stuff,

Pip pip

Ashton



PS here's a picture of my engine which, by the time you read this, will be in the car :) There, my final mention of an Eleven...

From the Editor Tom Devitt



I blame it all on Bill really. There we all were, a couple of years ago, sat around the table for our fortnightly lunch get together when Ron asks "Has anybody read anything decent recently, I was down the Bondi library yesterday and couldn't find a thing that interested me?" Bill raised his hand and said "I've just the thing for you Ron". We all learned in like he was about to give us a hot tip on the 2.45 at Kembla Grange, "Jack Reacher", said Bill, "you can't go wrong with Jack Reacher"

Now in those days we all were 'Mr. I-only-listen-to-vinyl and eat steel cut oats' type of lads so were a bit taken aback by Bills admission. Jack Reacher is, after all, a derring-do fictional character in a series of novels by Lee Child. Ex US Army intelligence, roams America with a toothbrush as his only possession, getting into all sorts of diabolic trouble always approaching certain death! "OK Bill, says Ron, I'll give him a go, can't be worse than Georgette Heyer!"

I guess that day, somehow the standard was reset, now, 2 years late we all roll up to lunch with dog-eared Jack Reacher novels stuck in our back pockets. (Toothbrush in there as well!) and, the topics of conversation have shifted from Lotus and Brabham to if Jack survived the blast from the Afterburner he was hiding in in his latest book!

So that's all a nice way to segue into a book that should become part of every Lotus Owners collection. Ian Scott-Watson Has finally, in his 80's, completed his much promised book ***Black Sheep in the Fast Lane.***

In 1957 Ian was heavily involved



Jock Mc Bain, Jim Clark and Ian Scott-Watson with their newly acquired Border Rievers E Type Jaguar.

with the Scottish Racing team Border Rievers and let his farmer friend Jim Clark drive his DKW at a Crimond race meeting. It quickly became very clear that Clark had huge talent. This got the team owners Jock McBain and Ian Scott Watson thinking, and it was decided a car would be bought and shared by Jimmy Somervail, Ian Scott Watson and possibly Jim Clark. The car they bought was a Jaguar D type. Ian's story is a fascinating one full of the adventure from times when winners shook hands with fellow competitors rather punch the air as if playing a scene from Spartacus and wasting perfectly good champagne by spraying it at everyone in sight. Some more details on the book inside from Brian Caldersmith who has been pestering Ian for years to write down his life story. Brian, very rightly, pursues the dwindling group of early Lotus people to commit their memoirs to paper and this book proves he is having success.

I have always believed that the best person to tell the story is the one who was there at the time, and whilst there are hundreds of books on Lotus and its famous drivers, there is only a handful written by those who did it. By the way, it's not the easiest book to get hold of and involves organizing a Bank Transfer and posting (Yes POSTING!) a letter

The Club Lotus Committee last year produced name badges for all of its members and we are now finally getting around to posting them out (Yes Posting again!!). If you haven't received one you it should arrive before the end of the month. If not drop me an email (t.devitt@bigpond.com) and I will get one organised for you

Tom

Next Lotus Lunch, Saturday 6th August

William Blue Fine Dining

107 George St The rocks

Okay, you cannot miss this one.

The location, is the showcase restaurant for William Blue College of Hospitality Management. William Blue Dining is a classroom where the future stars of the Australian hospitality industry develop and demonstrate their amazing talent to the public. Without a doubt, the food is of 5 star quality at ridiculously low prices and supported by an extensive wine and Beveridge list at sensible process.





As chief testers for Lotus Lunches, Donna and I have been back several times now and are unable to fault it. But if you don't believe me check out a random collection of recent 'TripAdvisor' reviews

- We loved the happy enthusiastic student staff and the food was gourmet five star. White starched table cloths and sparkling clean shiny glasses set the mood following a warm welcome upon arrival. We enjoyed our 3 course dinner and wine and the price is a bargain.

- William Blue Dining is a working teaching restaurant housed in the former site of Rockpool Restaurant. Students in the school's culinary arts and hospitality programs staff the house. Aside from the very affordable price point (39 dollars for 3 courses), the restaurant offers attentive service and delicious cuisine - exceeding all expectations. The restaurant has a solid wine list, featuring selections from Australia, as well as some old world classics. Each course was well presented and tasty. The duck confit with potato gratin was a standout. I was visiting Sydney and had coincidentally visited the iconic restaurant which previously resided in this space. Adjusting for price and service quality, William Blue Dining beat the other restaurant hands down. I'd highly recommend this unique concept for travellers or locals who are looking for a great dining experience at a very affordable price

- From the moment I made the reservation for 3 people at lunch time and until we finished our dining experience, everything was perfect. The trainee staff were efficient and friendly and service attentive. Freshly made tasty bread roll, Kingfish which was beautifully plated, rhubarb tart for dessert, all very delicious. Excellent value. The location at The Rocks is just a short walk from Circular Quay. Can't wait to go back again and would highly recommend this restaurant.

Bookings are essential to Tom Devitt on 0417 295 549 or t.devitt@bigpond.com
Saturday 6th August 12.30 pm, 107 George St The Rocks (The old Rockpool restaurant)



Simply Sports Cars Appointed Lotus Distributor for Australia & New Zealand



Lotus is pleased to announce the appointment of Simply Sports Cars (SSC) as the new distributor for Lotus cars in Australia and New Zealand (A/NZ). Simply Sports Cars is the long time Sydney based Lotus specialist manned by experienced race engineers and factory trained technical staff.

Simply Sports Cars was established in 2003 as a leading service centre for Lotus cars in Australia supporting road, track and motorsport focused Lotus cars and became an official Lotus franchise dealer in 2013.

Jean-Marc Gales, Chief Executive Officer for Group Lotus plc, said, "When it comes to high performance, and highly desirable sports cars, Lotus sets the standard, and today we have never had a stronger or faster model line up. All Lotus sports cars set the benchmark for added lightness - this is what Lotus does and nobody does it better. We are making our best ever cars, and across the world more customers are experiencing what a Lotus is capable of."

Jean-Marc Gales continues, "Lotus has a long history in Australia and New Zealand and our fans and customers in the region understand just what makes a Lotus so special, embracing our "light is right" philosophy. This knowledge and enthusiasm for Lotus is also carried by Lee Knappett and his team at Simply Sports Cars who have a well deserved reputation for delivering exceptional customer service and support."

Lee Knappett, CEO of Simply Sports Cars said "We are delighted to be given the opportunity to expand our relationship with Lotus as a dealer and distributor. Simply Sports Cars has built a reputation in the Australia and New Zealand as one of the leading experts on Lotus, with a unique approach to fostering the sense of lifestyle and community that comes with the Lotus brand. The majority of Lotus owners in Australia and New Zealand are looking to become part of the Lotus family who appreciate the experience of driving and look for events in which they can enjoy their Lotus sports cars such as the Lotus Only Track Day events which regularly attract over 70 cars."



In addition to the Evora 400, Simply Sports Cars will be importing the legendary Elise range, (including the Elise Sport, Sport 220 and Cup 250) and the quickest real world supercar, the Exige Sport 350 and the hypercar humbling 3-Eleven.

Lotus PLC

Quokka Talk

Since we last caught up we have run a couple of EMR's to York and WA Racing Museum both which were well attended and included some new Lotus owners. Welcome to Steve Pretzel in his Orange S3 Elise SC from country Victoria and Chris and Ellie with their 2013 Red S3 Elise S also from Victoria. It is always difficult to find new and exciting EMR routes and locations and I envy the eastern states who have a vast selection of roads and locations compared to WA. But I think we have such a fabulous core group of enthusiasts that it doesn't really matter where we end up we will always have fun enjoying our cars and the company of like minded people.

We were saddened by the recent news that the RAC track near the airport was ordered by the Commonwealth Government to cease motor sport at the track due to noise complaints. As such our last round of our championship was cancelled and the future is as yet unknown. I certainly hope that a solution is quickly found for the sake of motor sport in Perth, driver education and related activities.

By Eddie Lankhorst

All Fibreglass Car Run

By Steve Pretzel and John Edmondson

"Plastic Fantastics" was the theme of Sunday's run from Morley to the Perth Hills, and a much larger than expected contingent of fibreglass bodied vehicles assembled at the Mean Machines Eatery for the obligatory coffee and greetings.



Corvettes dominated the run, with at least a dozen examples ranging from 1958 to present day. Their cousins, the Cobras, were next most numerous, then there were the rest. A couple of Marcoses (Marci?), three Reliant Scimitars, a lone Bolwell, a rally spec Renault Alpine, A TVR, a JBA and a Grinnall Scorpion (look it up!).

Robyn and John took along our red S2 and white S3 Elise's and met up with Steve and his daughter Ellie in their S2 2zz powered orange S2 Elise SC.

There was quite a collection of cars already at Mean Machine when we arrived. Some of the cars I had never seen before.

First stop was the Parkerville Tavern, where we noted the opening hours of 11.30am (we arrived just after 10.30) and all stood around out the front for half an hour until one creative thinker discovered that the place actually was open. More coffee ensued.



Next stop was the beautifully presented private collection of Renaults owned by Stef Brayley in Mount Helena. What looks like a common garden-variety colourbond shed from the outside conceals a museum quality display of rare Renaults, a Renault Formula 1 replica and a huge assortment of motor-memorabilia. One of Stef's cars is a Renault Spyder - a car which, according to Stef, was effectively killed off by the lighter, faster and presumably cheaper Lotus Elise. Happily, Stef bears no grudge against Lotus owners!



Stef's passion for Renaults extends well beyond cars. Just beyond the garden is a former Transperth Renault bus, with the interior decked out like a 60's Diner. Must be paradise for the grandkids.

From there it was on to the Chidlow Tavern for lunch. Unfortunately there was a long queue for food and we had a prior commitment so we had to say our goodbyes at that point.

While the actual driving was secondary on this run, the perfect clear winter's day and the opportunity to mix it with a diverse collection of cars made the Fibreglass Run a memorable experience. Convenor, Greg Morris, intends to call another run in September. Maybe Loti can out-number the Corvettes next time!



The SUTOL a Lotus 23 Replica (Yep, its Lotus spelt backwards

WA Racing Museum

By Eddie Lankhorst

Wow what a day. We had a fabulous turn out of cars for this EMR. 11 cars including a 1970 Marcos, one Esprit and then a range of modern Elises and Exiges of all colours. The weather was expected to be very wet, but fortunately the sky gods were watching over us and held back the rain except for all for a brief shower.



Onward we ventured to the WA Racing Museum. The property is owned and managed by Neil McCrudden. Neil's premises houses a small private museum, a workshop including an extensive array of all things 1950s and '60s, race car bits, engine parts, suspension geo items and everything needed to build, repair, restore, tune, and test.



However, the museum was the place to be. It contained all of their working race cars that are restored, maintained and raced around the globe. To read more about the museum, collection or cars and their calendar, I highly recommend checking their webpage www.warm.org.au. A real unexpected treat was the appearance of Leo Wybrott of who headed up the Lotus F1 Racing team mechanic and works manager before moving onto McLaren. Leo had some interesting tales of Colin Chapman and insights into Formula 1 of the era.

I am hoping to see the WARM team in action on 24th October at the Wanneroo raceway for the Festival of Motorsport which is open to all historic race cars from around the globe.

Photos courtesy of Wayne Proud and John Edmondson

WA Lotus Club Championship

By Eddie Lankhorst

The tally for championship points so far are: (10 points for attendance, plus 10 points for 1st, 8 for 2nd and 5 for 3rd)

We have got:

- Graeme Martin at 107
- Kevin Fitzmaurice at 60
- Eddie Lankhorst at 63
- Steve Metlitzky at 113
- John Edmondson at 30
- Richard Cooper at 38
- Mark Thrift at 10
- Vicky Rowe at 30

The competition between 1st and 2nd is hotly contested and all other places are up for grabs by anyone, as long as MC Motorsport State Sprints and Club Sprints continue.

LOST Fraternity EMR Sunday July 10th







Enjoy these lovely photos from the Newcastle LOST Fraternity's July 10 Sunday morning run.

The Newcastle LOST Fraternity was started a few years ago when a group of Newcastle Lotus owners realised that there was a healthy collection of Lotuses out and about in Newcastle. They started making contact with owners to bring everyone together, and had soon formed a fraternity of Lotus (and similar thoroughbreds) people.

They're a relaxed crew who get together for social coffees and various runs, and just to enjoy their cars.

These pics are from their run last Sunday morning, thanks to Jack McLaughlin

The July CLA meeting held at the Classic Throttle Shop

On Wednesday evening, the 20th of July, we enjoyed a lovely social catch-up very generously hosted by Classic Throttle Shop.
We'd like to send a huge 'Thank you!' to Rory, Karin, Jay and the team





at Classic Throttle Shop for hosting us so warmly at their stunning showroom. The team have done a magnificent job fitting out their space and filling it with wonderful (and absolutely immaculate) machines. It's a warm, welcoming space with a sophisticated retro feel – and a lovely place to spend some time dreaming.



And the '56 Lotus-Climax Eleven Le Mans, '65 Ford Lotus Cortina Mk1 and '87 Lotus Turbo Esprit HC that greeted us certainly didn't detract from the atmosphere!

A special thanks to everyone who braved the rain to join us for the evening. We thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and friendly catch-up and were pleased to see such a good turnout.

Thanks as well to Evan Jones for bringing the evening together and organising the pizzas.

Thanks again to Classic Throttle Shop for hosting us. Head to www.classicthrottleshop.com to check out their current collection and to get in touch with them. And make sure to stop by their premises, say 'Hi!' and get some inspiration.

Seth Reinhardt

CLA Annual Concourse

The Kings School Sunday 28th August 2016

82–129 Pennant Hills Rd North Parramatta



OK, its on again bigger-n-better than ever, the All British Day at The Kings School and incorporating the Club Lotus Australia annual concourse. No tricky categories this year just good ole cars, spit and polish and the love that we endear on our very special gadgets!

The club has purchased a number of tickets and if you would like one for your vehicle please email Elliott Nichols enicholls@clublotus.com.au with the following information:

- Your Name
- Your car and model,
- Car year
- Car rego
- Number of passengers you are bringing (although, as Elliott says, that's a bit of a moot point in a Lotus!!)

We are in Area C.

Enter via Mason's Drive (only). MUST have the ticket already fixed to the windscreen. We are just left of the centre of the display area. The venue will be open from 6.30 and you should be able to buy breakfast from then also... That said, ensure you arrive before 9.30.

Ensure your ticket is INSIDE the windscreen - if you lose it you have to buy a new one on the day to gain entry.

If you want to trailer your car, there is a limited supply of "E" tickets for the tender vehicles. Once unloaded, the tender (and trailer) must park in Area 1.

There is currently no alternative for a rain cancellation.



If you thought your Evora power plant was a bit tricky, check out this Austin from last year

It doesn't always have to be about Lotus does it?

America has lost one of its most successful Motor Racing team-owners/managers with the recent death of Carl Haas. Originally a racing car driver of some repute in the Sports Car Club of America, Chicago-born Carl Haas became the U.S. distributor of Elva cars, and soon realised the attraction that British sports cars had in America.



Always with a cigar in hui mouth but of course never lit in the pits!!

A meeting with Mike Hewland led to Haas starting Hewland Engineering's U.S. parts distribution service, and in 1967, Lola Cars also came under Haas jurisdiction in Americas. To add to his load, Carl then started his own race team.

In the following years Carl's business flourished as Lola became synonymous with excellent designs, high quality control and a parts supply network that was second to none inside the USA.

The newly arrived Formula 5000 series and its replacement – the single-seater version of the Can-Am Series – became his domain. From 1973 through to 1981, the title winners all drove Lola's and were of course famous names such as Jody Scheckter, Brian Redman (three consecutive titles), Patrick Tambay (two), Alan Jones, Jacky Ickx and Geoff Brabham.

When Mario Andretti, toward the end of his Formula 1 career, suggested that Haas form an Indy car team with former F5000 rival team owner and actor Paul Newman, Haas' grabbed the idea with both hands. When Andretti said he'd drive for the team, Newman leapt at the chance.

The Hass team and business continued with many successes throughout the 90's and into the 21st Century. But this remarkable team swiftly lost its figureheads. Cancer took Newman in September 2008, and the following season, Haas stopped coming to the race meetings as Alzheimer's took a terrible hold over him. Yet his remarkable wife Berni Haas kept writing the checks and that helped prop up the team until the end of 2011.

In that final season, Oriol Servia rewarded the team with three podium finishes and fourth in the championship, beaten only by two Ganassi drivers and one of the Penske entries. Ably supported by Carl's wife Berni to the very end, Carl had poured his heart and soul into racing. It was never enough for him to be just part of the scene; if it was going to be done at all, it needed to be done properly.

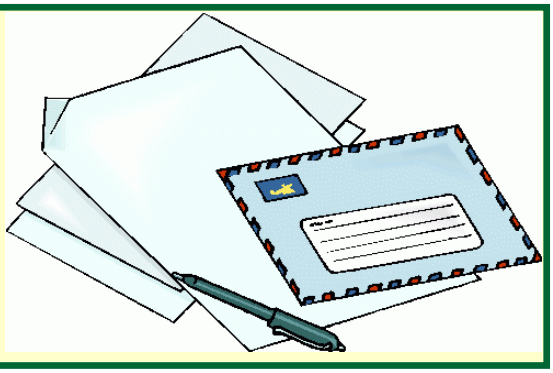


Happy times for Carl in Las Vegas

That's the attitude that turned his business into a success and made his race team one of the truly legendary establishments in American motor sport

Letters

If you have an opinion on any matter relating to the club, please drop an email to t.devitt@bigpond.com



Lotus Club Queensland have a stock of Geoghegans' Sporty Car stickers and I wonder if any of your members maybe interested in these stickers – see link http://www.lotusclubqueensland.com/merchandise/
It appears an old LCQ member donated the stickers to LCQ in the hope that they would go to members who have cars sold and/or supplied by the Geoghegans when they were the Lotus dealer. We have had these stickers in our Merchandise stock for many years, but they do not appear relevant to most of our LCQ members as they have later model cars not supplied by the Geoghegan's. Craig Wilson believes the cars sold and supplied by the Geoghegans would probably be pre 1972 Lotus Elan, Elan +2 and Lotus 7 Clubman, do you know of any other models?
We have 45 of the stickers and we would like to know if any of your CLA members who have Geoghegans cars would be interested in a sticker for their car.
We would be happy to provide the sticker at a cost of $1.00 each, plus Postage $1.00 = Total $2.00 to people who can confirm their cars were sold and/or supplied by the Geoghegan.
As there are probably Geoghegan's cars in other states we will also run an article in the next magazine offering stickers to interstate Lotus owners.
Please advise if this offer would be of interest to your members.
Thanks and kind regards
Daryl Wilson Ph./Fax: (07) 3849-2220, Mob: (0418) 711-227

Now, Who said that

A new monthly quiz with the challenge of not using Wikipedia if you can possibly hold off !

Haven't worked out prizes yet but will make sure it gets on the Agenda of the next committee meeting!!



This months quote:

"I've never been interested in who won a race until I know who was behind him"

Answers to Tom Devitt at t.devitt@bigpond.com

As usual, neatest correct entry wins, but what ,you ask?

Well I don't really know yet, but I am sure it will be worth the wait!!

CLA Have been invited again to the Cootamundra Sprints

Righto, following on from last year, and the fact that Syd and I obviously didn't cause too much disgrace, Tim has kindly asked us back!

You may recall that last year, the wonderful people at VSCCA waived the age rule so we don't have to comply with the pre-85 rule, and the weekend is a lovely mix of fun social time, very unusual and interesting cars, fine weather, and a couple of great pieces of road to and from Coota. And the chance to try your hand at the 1/4 mile sprint against some awesome machinery.

Accommodation options remain as per last year, and as there is the Swap Meet on the Sunday, you need to get in pretty quick smart - we are setting up CLA HQ at the White Ibis, but they only have 12 rooms so get in quick!

Ashton

COOTAMUNDRA SPRINTS

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2016

The VSCCA presents its seventh annual Cootamundra Sprints for vintage and pre 1985 cars.

The 1.5km long, 18m wide, Cootamundra Airport runway allows two cars to safely run side by side over the timed 400m. Cars will be pre 1985 and will participate in either full speed timed acceleration sprints or regularity sprints. The latter allows vintage cars to accelerate over the 400m at any comfortable speed they choose and once a time has been given then the object will be to come as close to that as possible in subsequent runs. We will continue the informal arrangement of past years in which competitors choose their running mate as generally this has resulted in good matches. We create good old fashioned vintage fun without risking the cars. State of the art electronic timing is used.

Entry fee is $90. Roll bars are not required. **NO** other licensing from CAMS or AASA is required. The event will be open to VSCCA, VSCC Vic, HSRCA, GEAR and other car clubs with suitable cars as set out in the sub regs. **The event will be limited to 80 cars to ensure everyone gets adequate runs so first in first served.**

A Saturday night dinner at the Cootamundra Services Club is organized at $30 per head plus drinks. Please let me know how many will be coming to that **with your entry and include it in your payment.** A free happy hour before that is included. Cootamundra is about four and a half hours drive from Sydney.

Contact Tim Shellshear email: tim.shellshear@bigpond.com or mobile: 0418 666 952.

For those intending to participate you will need to make your own accommodation arrangements. As Cootamundra also hosts the Father's Day Swap Meet on the Sunday there is always a fair pressure on motels. Some of the local accommodation places are:

Cootamundra Heritage Motel	1300 22 1000
Bradman Motor Inn	6942 2288
Wattle Tree Motel	6942 2688
Southern Comfort Motor Inn	6942 3366
Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn	6942 1833
White Ibis B +B	6942 1850
Plus others	



Cootamundra Sprints
Quarter Mile Sprint Event

Event & Supplementary Regulations

Cootamundra Air Strip – Saturday 3rd September 2016

1. **THE EVENT** will be organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia Limited, GPO Box 2365 Sydney NSW 2001. **Event Organiser: Tim Shellshear 0418 666 952, Clerk of the Course: John Lackey 0400 388 859**

Send your entry to: Cootamundra Sprints, c/- Tim Shellshear, 55 Ballast Point Road, Birchgrove 2041

Payment: Payment may be by cheque made out to the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia (NOT VSCCA) to accompany the completed entry form and received by Friday 26th August, or by Direct Debit to:

Vintage Sports Car Club BSB 082 207 Account 16667 0215

If paying by direct debit please identify the transaction by name followed by Coota, i.e. SmithCoota so that we can identify on the bank statement who made the payment.

IF YOU ARE COMING TO DINNER ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT THIS COST MUST ALSO BE INCLUDED.

For additional information contact:

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John Lackey. Phone 0400 388 859 Email: jscl.2996@gmail.com

We need to know: Name of DRIVER, CLUB you belong to, CAR (INCLUDING YEAR), PREFERRED NUMBER and COLOUR. If a preferred number is not requested we will allocate one immediately after the 29th August. All cars with multiple drivers must carry a number that can be easily changed with a change of driver.

ENTRIES CLOSE - Friday 26th August 2016

1 **WE INVITE ENTRIES** from all members of the VSCCA, GEAR Club, HSRCA, VSCC Vic, Austin 7 Club, Cootamundra Car Club, Bentley Drivers Club, Morgan Owners Club Aust, MG Car Club and others at the discretion of the organisers with suitable Vintage, Historic pre-war and post-war sport, racing and sedan cars manufactured prior to 1985. The event will be limited to 80 competitors.

2 **All drivers will be required to hold a current motor vehicle driver's licence.** The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason. **NB: No driver under 18 years of age is permitted to compete in this event.**

3 **ENTRY FEE (including GST) will be $90.00 per driver. There is no reduction in fee for a second driver in the same car. Entry fees will be payable to the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia and must accompany the completed entry forms prior to the 26th August. Late payment may be accepted upon completion of the Indemnity at sign-on.**

Classes – If there are insufficient entries in any one field the organisers may combine fields where it is safe to do so. Cars will be allocated to the following fields

- Vintage cars manufactured prior to 1931
- Pre-WWII cars manufactured between 1931 and 1940
- Post WWII cars manufactured between 1941 and 1985
- Other classes may be formed depending on the entries.

Teams - Competitors are invited to form teams of any size or type and a Teams' Prize will be awarded for the most consistent performance of that Team.

4. **SCRUTINEERING.** All cars will be scrutineered before participating. A fire extinguisher to AS1846 or AS1848 or AS1841 (Min .9Kg capacity) must be securely fitted in the car. Each carburettor must have a throttle return spring fitted, set up so throttle returns to idle if linkage slips or breaks. Sump gearbox and diff plugs need to be wired **OR** tightened in presence of scrutineer. Front opening bonnets require a secondary catch system to prevent bonnet lifting in the event of original catch failure. Scrutineering will take place in the pit area prior to the first run.





Welcome to Lotus 2017



LOTUS 2017 Now Taking Bookings!!

After much anticipation, the Victoria Lotus community have finally opened the door to registrations for next years' biennial gathering of Lotus enthusiasts from around Australia.
As mentioned previously we are basing the gathering at Beechworth in the north east of our state and for those who have been there previously will attest it is home to some of the best autumn colours, food, wine and roads you can access in our state. For those who have not been there yet, what better excuse can we offer than to share the weekend with other Lotus enthusiasts and see if what I've just said is justified!
To book your place at Lotus 2017 go to the web site, www.lotus2017.com setup an account and register for the event
The entry fee has been set at $500 each and this covers the following;

- The welcome BBQ on the Saturday night,
- Lunch and dinner on Sunday,
- The gala dinner on Monday evening,
- All bus transport to and from dinner venues (and the trip to Rutherglen on Monday for those who wish to relax rather than race), and
- The memorabilia that promises to become collectables within the Lotus community from next ANZAC weekend onward.

So to be clear the following costs are NOT covered;

- Accommodation and breakfasts - you are free to choose what suits your own budget and preferences
- Lunch on the Monday, and
- Entry to the SSC Lotus Only Track Day at Winton

For those who have been to past Lotus bi-annual gatherings we encourage you to come back and enjoy catching up with familiar faces, for those who haven't there is no better opportunity to make new friends, get to know other like-minded enthusiasts of these fantastic cars from Hethel and simply visit a great part of the world.

If you have any questions you can email the committee at info@lotus2017.com

Please keep an eye on the LCV main website and social media channels such as Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LotusClubVic/

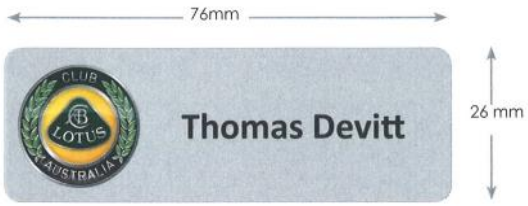
We are really looking forward to putting on a great event for you all and welcome comments and any offers of help

2017 VICTORIA

Your own CLA name badge

Coming free to current members

Hi, by now many of you will have received your Club Lotus Australia name badge compliments of the Club



There are being distributed to all current members of the club over the next month or so

If you would like to order one for your wife, partner, kids or pets, simply send the following information to me at t.devitt@bigpond.com

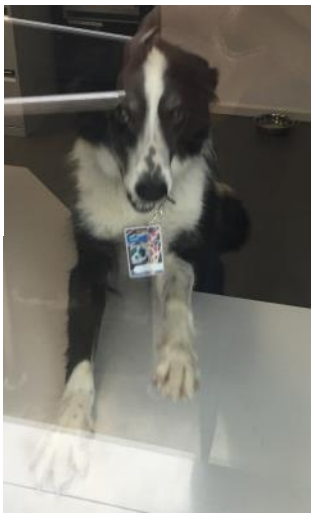
Name to appear on the badge

Name and address to where you would like it sent

The cost is $10.00 each including delivery and is payable to the club.

Please pay by Direct Debit to BSB 633000 Account No. 144279056

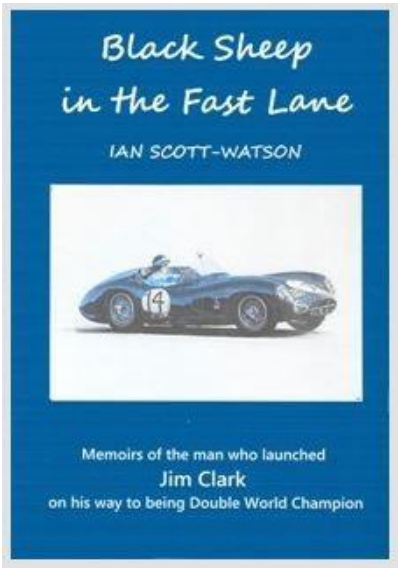
Reference Your Surname/Badge



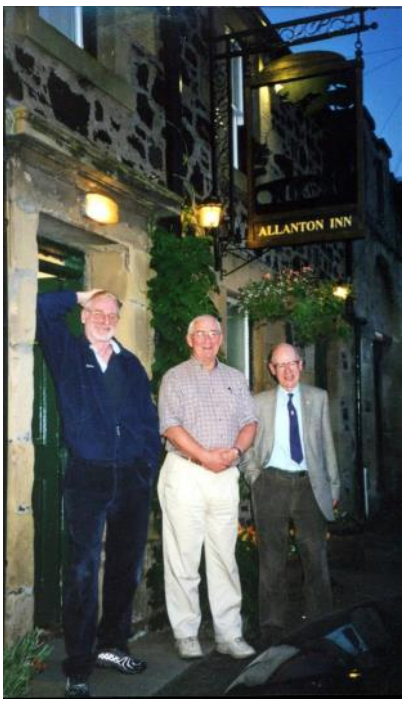
Who said your pet can't have one? Here is the Maritime Museums seagull chaser 'Bailey' proudly showing his Museum name badge

Black Sheep in the fast lane and exciting new book by Ian Scott-Watson

I am pleased to advise that after a long time being pestered by many people (Yes alright, include me in that lot), Ian Scott-Watson has finally published his book! Black Sheep in the Fast Lane is not another Jim Clark book – there are plenty of those already - it is a book of his personal reminiscences of the past 80-odd years of a life of motor sport, architectural design, sailing and enjoying life. As the person who launched Jim on his motor racing career it does, inevitably, contain much about Jim as a friend and about the teams for which he drove - the Border Reivers and Team Lotus - and about experiences of earlier motor sport from the time that their paths first crossed, with a few comments about today's commercialised motor racing.



Although unheralded by the mass of today's racing fans, Ian is widely recognized by the knowledgeable enthusiast as a significant contributor to motor sport. This book is a must have for anybody that claims to be a true fan.



Sir John Whitmore, Brian and Ian Scott –Watson after dinner at the old Border Reivers "Clubroom"

Brian Caldersmith

The best way to obtain a copy is direct via: http://www.borderdesign.co.uk/blacksheep.htm

Rob Costa seeks photos for the CLA 2017 Calendar



Hi, I'm Robert Costa and have taken on the challenge to create next years calendar. My theme is "People and their Lotuses" so am looking for photographs that depict the relationship between the owners and their cars. All photos considered though! The best resolution you can muster would be great. I'm only looking for 12 photos…how hard can that be :-) !! My mobile is 0417213042 to discuss or robert@southhouse.com.au . I'm sure we can organise a "dropbox" type drop off point for photos that can't be emailed."

Rob

Brendan Samuels moving tribute to his mother and the late Paul Samuels wife

It is with deep sadness, admiration and an element of relief for her that I need to inform you of the passing of my beautiful mother Fleur. Mum lost her fight with MND at the end of last month, slipping calmly away without any fuss or pain, just the way she wanted to go.



Fleur on the right in the early days of the Rolls Royce Owners Club Australia

For those that were unaware that she had moved to Beecroft Nursing home earlier this year, or in fact unaware that she was even suffering from Motor Neuron, I apologise, however, being a very private person I am sure you can understand why she did not publicise or parade the fact like many would have.

Fleur touched the hearts of so many with her selfless and giving approach to everything and everyone, including many that she did not even know or had met just once. Never judging or labeling, yet constantly offering to provide a little reward or token gesture what was delivered to the trade person or in fact anyone at the right time or place where she happen to be at the time - ranging from kind words, a cool drink and a bickie, down to a generous monetary tip that she was well known for!

Always mentally, if not physically in the later years, she helped manage the companies with Dad up until not long before the time of his death four years ago.

Whether it be one of family friends, long-time friend and or Motorsport contact from the days spent at Warwick Farm, Bathurst, Amaroo or other Sydney car circuits and clubs that Dad and her frequented from the '50s through until recent times. Many people over my life, when I mentioned I was Fleur's son, would instantly welcome me to a new level of conversation. Their mood would shift 'up-tempo' as they proceeded with no delay or hesitation speaking about my mother's passion and kindness around her approach to life, people and situations often summarising or relating her aura as one of a Saint or even Angel-like.



Paul Samuels as many remember him, Lotus 15, Dunedin Festival 1984

She adored myself and my Father Paul, as well as her new passion over the past near 20 years, my beautiful wife Michelle (the daughter that mum never had yet always wanted) and my four awesome lads, Fleur's beloved Grandsons, Zachary, Riley, Jayden and young Connor.

Warmest Regards - Brendan, Michelle and the Samuels boys

CLA Annual General Meeting – 7:00 pm Wed 21st September 2016

Shannons Offices, Unit B, 12 Frederick Street, St Leonards (park & enter by the Reserve Road entrance at the rear of the offices).

CLUB LOTUS AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting Committee Nomination Form

At this meeting your **New Committee** will be elected, which means all positions will be declared vacant.
If you would like to nominate a member for the Committee please fill in this form and return it to the elections officer before the commencement of the meeting.

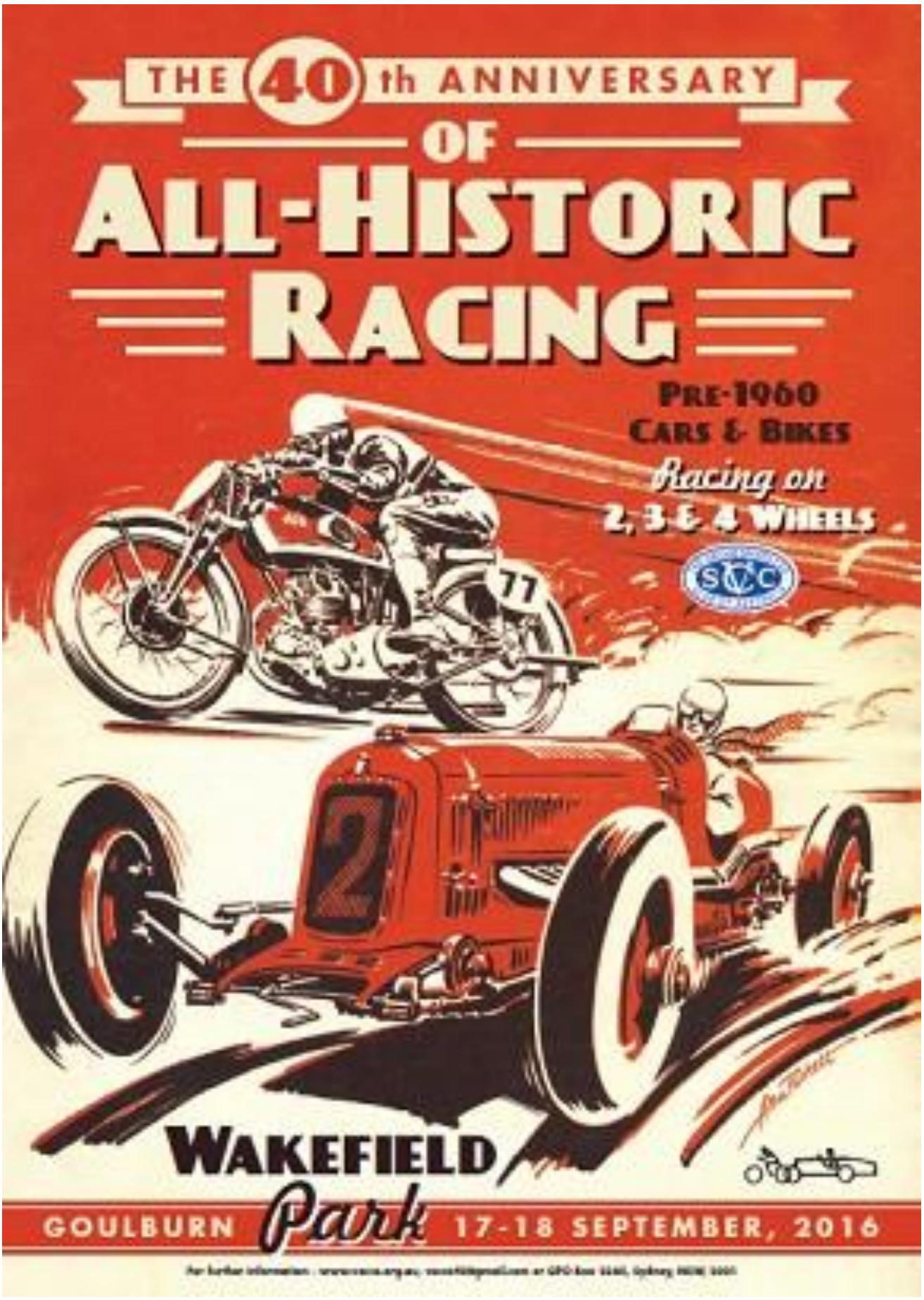
I would like to nominate.....
For the position of :

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Editor
Competition Secretary (and CAMS Delegate)
Social Secretary
Meetings coordinator
Points Score
Club Shop
Public Officer and Club plates
CMC Delegate
General Committee member

Nominated by.....CLA Membership Number.....)

Seconded by.....CLA Membership Number.....)

Agreed to by nominee.....CLA Membership Number.....)


THE 40th ANNIVERSARY
OF
ALL-HISTORIC
RACING
PRE-1960
CARS & BIKES
Racing on
2, 3 & 4 WHEELS
SVC
WAKEFIELD
GOULBURN Park 17-18 SEPTEMBER, 2016

Shannons Sydney Classic

August 13 – 14, 2016

Over 1900 Veteran & Classic vehicles from over 150 clubs on display and on parade, including cars, motorbikes, scooters and military vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances & fire engines. AND it's on rain, hail or shine. There's also plenty to see and do indoors.

– Double-decker bus rides around the track (gold coin donation for the Bus Museum)





– Trade displays in Pit Garages all day with books, models & all sorts of memorabilia available for sale.

– Live music, the Free Spirit Markets, Rock 'N' Roll dancing, art show and much, much more !!

CLA Has 12 tickets to this event so it's first in first served. For a free ticket contact Evan Jones via evanj@optusnet.com.au, EVAN.JONES2@transport.nsw.gov.au , or phone 0411103043.

July Tyre Kick & Coffee

Thanks to everyone who joined us this slightly soggy Sunday the 17th of July for our monthly Tyre Kick & Coffee at Gough Whitlam Park in Tempe.

We thoroughly enjoyed catching up with everyone and were pleased to see such a good turnout! These photos come thanks to Ashton.

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The Tyre Kick & Coffee is a relaxed Club Lotus Australia event held on the third Sunday of each month at Gough Whitlam Park in Tempe. We kick off at around 9am and enjoy each other's company over a morning coffee and some tyre kicking! ***The next Tyre Kick will be on Sunday the 21st of August – put it in the diary and come along!***

CLA WA Diary 2016

Month	Day/Date	Event	Location
Aug-16			
	Monday, 8 August 2016	Meet n Eat 6.00pm	Boab Tree Kings Park
	Sunday, 14 August 2016	Early Morning Run	Guildford Rly carpark James St.
	Sunday, 21 August 2016	Lotus Club Sprints	
Sep-16			
	Sunday, 11 September 2016	Club Sprint Championship Rnd 5	RAC Driving Centre
	Monday, 12 September 2016	Meet n Eat 6.00pm	Boab Tree Kings Park
	Sunday, 18 September 2016	WA Sprint C'Ship	
	Sunday, 18 September 2016	Early Morning Run	Guildford Rly carpark James St.
Oct-16			
	Monday, 10 October 2016	Meet n Eat 6.00pm	Boab Tree Kings Park
	Sunday, 16 October 2016	Early Morning Run	Guildford Rly carpark James St.
	Sunday, 23 October 2016	WA Sprint C'Ship	
	Sunday, 30 October 2016	Lotus Club Sprints	
Nov-16			
	Monday, 14 November 2016	Meet n Eat 6.00pm	Boab Tree Kings Park
	Sunday, 20 November 2016	Early Morning Run	Guildford Rly carpark James St.
Dec-16			
	Sunday, 4 December 2016	Christmas BBQ & EME	
	Monday, 12 December 2016	Meet n Eat 6.00pm	Boab Tree Kings Park

CLA NSW 2016 Diary

Month	Day/Date	Event	Location
Aug-16			
	Sat Sun 6&7 August	VHRR Historics	Winton Long CCT
	Saturday, 6 August 2016	Lotus Lunches 12.30pm	William Blue Fine Dining 107 George St The Rocks
	Saturday, 13 August 2016	CSCA Rnd6 MOCA	13th August MOCA at SMP Gardener
	Wednesday, 17 August 2016	CLA Monthly Meeting Bruce Mansell's Shed	15-17 Gibbes Street (Basement) Chatswood
	Sunday, 21 August 2016	Tyre Kick & Coffee 9.00am	G. Whitlam Park Tempe
	Sunday, 28 August 2016	All British display day	The Kings School Parramatta Gates open at 7.00 event starts 9.00am
Sep-16			
	Sunday, 18 September 2016	Tyre Kick & Coffee 9.00am	G. Whitlam Park Tempe
	17th & 18th September	CSCA Driver Training Day and TSOA	Marulan Driver Training Centre.
	Wednesday, 21 September 2016	CLA Annual General meeting	Shannons Offices, Unit B, 12 Frederick Street, St Leonards (park & enter by the Reserve Road entrance at the rear of the offices).
	Sat Sun 24 & 25 Sept	HSRCA	Wakefield
	Sunday, 25 September 2016	Beyond Blue Eggs Bennecict	310 Moreton Park Rd Douglas Park 2569
Oct-16			
	Sat Sun 1 & 2 October	HSCC MGCC Tas	Baskerville
	Sunday, 16 October 2016	Tyre Kick & Coffee 9.00am	G. Whitlam Park Tempe
	Wednesday, 19 October 2016	CLA Monthly Meeting	TBA
Nov-16			
	Sat Sun 5&6	Retirn of the Thunder	Sandown
	Saturday, 12 November 2016	Lotus Lunches 12.30pm	TBA
	Wednesday, 16 November 2016	CLA Monthly Meeting	TBA
	Sat Sun 19 & 20	HSRCA	SMP
	Sunday, 20 November 2016	Tyre Kick & Coffee 9.00am	G. Whitlam Park Tempe
Dec-16			
		CLA Christmas Party	TBA

For Sale

Lotus Elan +2



Fully and professionally built up as a very fast track/road car, currently on historic plates.

Built steel motor, straight cut gearbox and bullet proof drive train make this a 100% reliable and very fast performer. No expense has been spared in the built, starting with a full body off rebuild from the chassis up.

The very best Tony Thompson racing parts were used throughout. This little sexy beast is an appreciating classic selling for a fraction of the build cost and is great value at $46,500. Owned by Rob Bryden – car maniac and Lotus enthusiast!!!! If you know Rob you know this is top drawer!





We've had an enquiry in Britain but she deserves an Aussie home!

Custom tilt trailer with winch is also available by negotiation if required by purchasers.

First to see will be sold – she's a stunning little number.

Contact Suzi on 0400 383 069

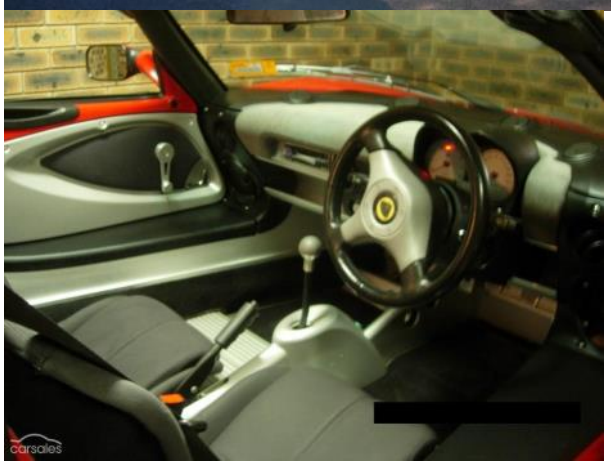
For Sale



Lotus Elise Convertible 2004 Series 2 Rover K Series 1.8 litre Engine 111 Reluctant sale because I will be moving to the US for a time. Condition is exceptional other than some wear on the seats which could be easily remedied. This car has been my pride and joy, always garaged and well maintained. Full service history available. Has been used as my daily ride for 7 years. Very reliable and economical and a joy to drive. Performance is outstanding due to the power/weight ratio and high performance engine. Many enthusiasts rate the responsiveness of K Series engine higher than the later Toyota engines. Travelled just under 75,000 km. Lotus enthusiasts would be aware that the standard build is prone to radiator problems due to plastic side tanks and head gasket failures. I recently had the original radiator replaced with a new enhanced







triple pass radiator. The engine has been reconditioned and a new alternator and battery installed. All work has been done by professionals and full details are available. The car is now in better condition than when I purchased it in 2009. I have had a sports exhaust fitted, but the sale includes the OEM exhaust. 17" alloy wheels on the back, 16" alloy wheels on the front, plenty of tread left on the tyres. Registered in the ACT. I'd prefer to sell to an owner who will also drive and enjoy the car, and maintain its great condition. Happy to answer any questions over the phone or by email for serious buyers. Asking $40,000. Please contact Adam on 0401 584 390

For Sale

Minilite (Look-a-like) Wheels



13" X 6"

PCD: 114.3

I have a number of Minilite (Look-a-like) Wheels - Brand unknown.

You could purchase four (4) or even just one (1).

$180 per set of four (4) or $50 per single wheel.

J A Pearce Magna Wheels

PERFECT for your Lotus Elan!



I have eight (8) only JAP Magna Wheels. 13" X 6"

One (1) is damaged - see photo for extent of damage.

After many years these wheels are again available new from the UK - Check out the price!

You could purchase these plus a new wheel from the UK and have;

A street tyre set and a race tyre set;

A dry tyre set and a wet tyre set;

A Concours set and a use everyday set; or

On sell a set of four (4).

Price: $1,400 ONO

All of the above wheels are currently in Brisbane.

Phone: 0419 756 896

For Sale

For Sale

S 4 Elan Drop head coupe.

- Spider chassis
- 5 Speed gearbox
- Solid drive-shafts
- $32,000.00 ONO

Don Mace
02 6554 0907









For Sale



Lotus Turbo Esprit Series 3 (1985 model):

The car has only done 38,000 miles, and is in excellent condition thru-out.
The timing belt has been replaced.
This is an amazing opportunity: it is It is a rocket to drive and would be a great acquisition!

PRICED AT $45K

The car is located in Port Stephens. For more information and photos, please contact Mike Ryves on 0407 226 753, or email mike.ryves@bigpond.com

For Sale



Lotus Elan +2 S130/5 (very late model 1972):

This is the last production run of the +2 model, and is fitted with a 130HP Big Valve motor plus a Lotus manufactured 5 speed gearbox. This gearbox was built by Lotus for the new Elite, and was fitted to the last production run of the +2's.
The car has matching numbers on both chassis plate and motor. Motor is the original "L" block and has just been refitted after a rebuild. The interior is the original Oatmeal upholstery, which needs to be freshened up.
The car is in totally original condition, with optional Lotus, Aluminium peg drive knock off wheels, and a sun roof.

PRICED AT $25k

The car is located in Port Stephens. For more information and photos, please contact Mike Ryves on 0407 226 753 or email mike.ryves@bigpond.com

For Sale

Anne Blackwood is offering this as-new and unused Stand 21 HANS 30M Device for sale.

It was bought new at a cost of $1300 and not used. Anne is asking $850 for it.





Please contact Anne on 0413 221 123