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Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club

Was established in 2005 and offers members friendship, restoration advice and access to a continually expanding library. Our mid-week, weekend and annual events offer something of interest for all the family. Meetings 1st Tuesday of every month except January.
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to submit the Annual Report for the last 12 months. It amazes me that even during winter we still have at least 70 members attend our meetings. This is unheard of in most organisations and shows the interest of our members. Our club is only successful because of the support that the members give the committee. We are so lucky to have a range of committee members with unlimited knowledge and experiences. I feel that all of this is the right balance for a successful club. Over the year we have had some very successful rallies and our membership seems to grow every month.

We have decided as a club to take on the running of a "SHOW and SHINE" in November. It will be a very big task and if it's organised properly the club will in conjunction with the Dalyston Football & Netball Club be able to have an Annual Show & Shine. This next 12 months I would like to encourage more members to attend the rallies. Each rally is different with varying locations and many items of interest. If you have any ideas of different locations please let us know. In Closing I would like to thank all the members and all the committee members for such an enjoyable last 12 months and I look forward to the next year providing I get voted in at the Annual Meeting.

Regards Keith Tonkin (President)

Notice of the BCHAC 2023 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Inc is to be held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street Wonthaggi on the Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7:30pm and will be followed by the August General Meeting.

AGENDA

To approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

To receive and adopt the Annual Report from the President.

To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 2023 from the Honorary Treasurer.

To elect of committee members for the year 2023/2024.

To appointment an honorary Auditor for the financial year 2023/2024.

To confirm annual subscription fees.

To transact any other ordinary business (to be notified in writing to the Secretary prior to the 28th July 2023).

If you are prepared to be nominated, or wish to nominate a person, you will be required to complete a Committee Nomination Form (enclosed).

All nominations must be proposed, seconded and signed by the nominees and candidates. All candidates and nominees must be financial members. Proxy voting is allowed (form enclosed).

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General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 4th July 2023

Meeting opened at 7:30
Keith acknowledged the custodians of our land

Attendance and apologies as per records

New Members Tony Bolch and Cameron Jones welcomed

Guest Speaker - Gavin Coyne - AutoPro
Gavin spoke about his personal involvement from early childhood to being one of three Directors of AutoPro. He gave an insight into the transition from the family business of McGibins Auto to AutoBarn to AutoPro and the success and growth of the AutoPro including establishing a shop in Cowes. Members asked questions and showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Read by Brian Asbury
Moved Lyn Ashman 2nd Eddy Jackson

Business arising from the previous minutes

Keith advised he had contacted the Shire and spoke to Shirley gan who had returned from leave. Keith asked why our club could not use Apex Park for the Easter Display event. Shirley advised there was no reason why the club couldn't use Apex Park - it's booked for next year.

Correspondence

13/6/23 Notice to Sentinel Times re Collin Simmonds passing.
(Colin Simmonds was a club foundation member who passed away 12 June 2023. Collin had been unwell for some time and will be missed by club members.)

22/6/23 Bass Coast Shire \$1000 grant invoice received.

3/7/23 Consumer Affairs Victoria re update of details after the AGM
Various emails back & forth with Bass Coast Shire re change of contact details.

Moved BrianAsbury 2nd Jack Moyle Carried

Treasures Report

Dianne Adams presented the financial report note a copy is attached to the minutes.

Moved Dianne Adams 2nd Clive Kilgour Carried

Events

Judy spoke about past and future events noting the cancellation of a number of events due to poor weather. Judy advised fifteen members attended Jo Hocking's Shed Tour and encouraged members to attend Ross Chapmans for a fascinating 'Shed Tour' on the 15th July. Peter Mattea advised two riders went on his recent tour. Judy also reminded members of the lunch at the Chinese Restaurant in Korumburra 16th July and the annual 4 day rally 6th - 10th October. Other events listed in the newsletter.

Judy took the opportunity to encourage members to join the committee and help progress the club.

Keith reported the Shire had approved a grant of \$2000.00 for the November Show & Shine event followed by applause from members. Keith advised arrangements for the Show & Shine event were complete including ambulance, fire brigade, walkie talkies, ice cream vendor and judges. Information to be posted on club website Keith to contact Tony Cuzzupi. Pat displayed event brochures that will be available to be distributed by members in September. Keith added the Dalyston Football Club are keen to make it an annual event.

Membership

Daryl advised some CPS renewal notice have the incorrect dates. Members were advised to contact VicRoads. As of 30th June 75% of members had paid their annual membership fee. Daryl reminded members it is illegal to drive their cars until members were financial.

Editor,

Acting editor Yvonne Thompson advised the newsletter closing date is 18th July

General Business

Brian advised the Notice of AGM, Nomination and Proxy forms have been mailed to all members. On behalf of the committee Brian encourage members to nominate for a position on the committee.

Keith announced he will be standing for President again and how much he had enjoyed the role. He also apologised in advance for being absent at the AGM which will be chaired by Pat Kennedy.

Next Meeting 1/8/23

Meeting Closed 8:45

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As our President and his wife are away for a well earned break I have stepped up to do the Report this time. Despite the fact that several outings have had to be cancelled due to not very pleasant weather conditions we have managed to get in a couple of events. The June Motorcycle Run was attended by two hardy riders. Well done. Hopefully the next run will have better weather & more participants.

On Saturday 15th July 20 attended the Boys Shed visit to Gwen & Ross Chapmans "shed" in Kongwak. A very enjoyable morning and well worth the visit. Thank you Gwen & Ross.

On Sunday 16th 30 of us attended a lunch at the Rainbow Palace Chinese restaurant in Korumburra. The meal was its usual excellent standard and judging by the noise, there were more than a few yarns being told and lots of fun being had by all.

We have to say a very big "Thank you " to Gavin Coyne of Autopro who was our guest speaker for the July General Meeting. Gavin was a very interesting speaker with lots of local history of the business being shared. Autopro have agreed to be our Major Sponsor for the planned upcoming Show & Shine with help in running the events as well as Donations etc. Once again we thank them for this.

There are several events for August & September so hopefully there may be something which you are interested in and so might join us.

Meanwhile, stay warm and dry and we will see you at the AGM and General Meeting on 1st August 2023

Pat Kennedy (Vice President)

Annual Rally 2023

**Ararat
6th October to 10th October 2023**



Details as follows:

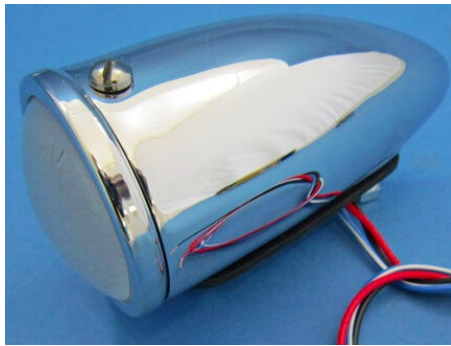
Things to do	Places to Eat	Place to stay
Chinese Museum	Chally's Restaurant – Golf Club	Statesman Motor Inn
J Ward	Ararat Hotel	Single \$110.00 per night
Assylum Tour & Ghost Tour	Ararat RSL	Twin \$135.00 per night
Langi Morgala Museum	Sicillians Restaurant	Double \$120.00 per night 8 only rooms at this price
One Tree Hill Lookout		Double (2 bedded room) \$130.00 per night
Seppelt Great Western		Breakfast available in your room at a cost of between \$15 and \$20 depending on what you order
Wartook View Carriage/Doll Museum		
Stawell		

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Any Queries please contact either
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Or
Judy 0419371441**

Lucas Electrics

If you have ever owned a British car (or even an Australian one) you have almost certainly had a vehicle with some connection to Lucas. For some almost anything electrical was made by them. English original home manufacturers, English Ford (e.g. Prefect), English GM (e.g. Vauxhall) all used their parts. For things like a starter motor you might find the same part across different makers and perhaps even in a Grey Fergie tractor. Lucas made Lights, Starter and Wiper motors Distributors and Coils, Horns Generators (English prefer the term Dynamo) Voltage regulators Fuse boxes. Their colour code for wiring harnesses was pretty much the standard.

Although some items may have been shared, their range was enormous. A mid-fifties catalogue for just rear lights ran into 72 pages with meticulous cross-referencing.



The Lucas 1130 Sidelight

This sidelight was used with some variations (chrome or painted, one or two filament globes and different lenses) from as early as the mid 30's until at least the mid 50's. It was used on everything from Rolls-Royce to little Austins and even some French Citroens that were assembled in the UK after WWII.

The early days :- Joseph Lucas in the 1850's was a jobless father of six selling paraffin from barrow cart. Around 1860 he formed a company making things like buckets and scoops from pressed metal. He was joined by son Harry and they started making lamps for ships. Harry designed a lamp for a bicycle that was claimed to withstand strong wind, It was given the title "King of the Road", a name used many times later.

With the advent of the motor car (a 1914 contract to supply Morris for example) and the impetus of WW1 Lucas industries grew hugely. To give some idea of the size, in 1931, ten thousand female workers went on a one week strike.

Lucas Electrics

The not so serious Lucas products have not always had a great reputation perhaps a little undeservedly as car makers were possibly cutting corners. However it provided a good source for humour, with copious references to Lucas Smoke. Here are some examples.

Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

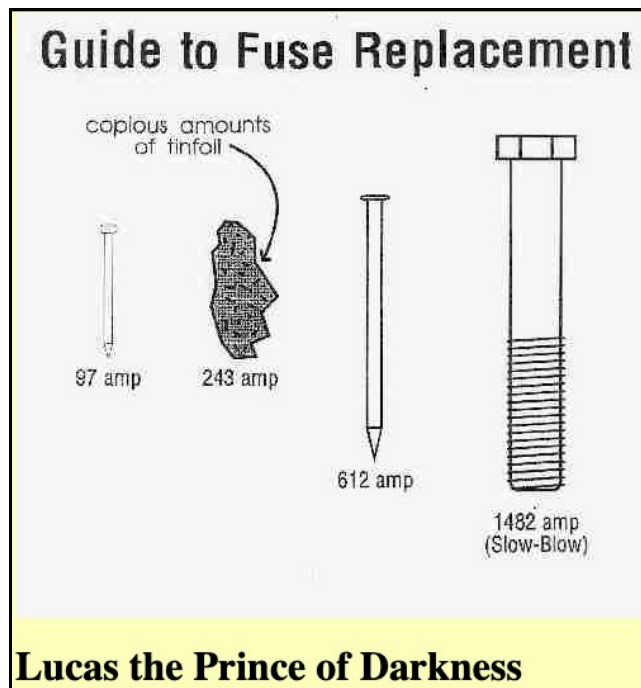
Lucas – Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

Lucas – Inventor of the intermittent wiper.

The three position Lucas switch – Dim, Flicker and Off.

The other three switch settings–SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.

The original anti-theft device – Lucas Electrics.



Lucas is an acronym for Loose Unsoldered Connections and Splices.

Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency.

"I've had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never had any trou..."

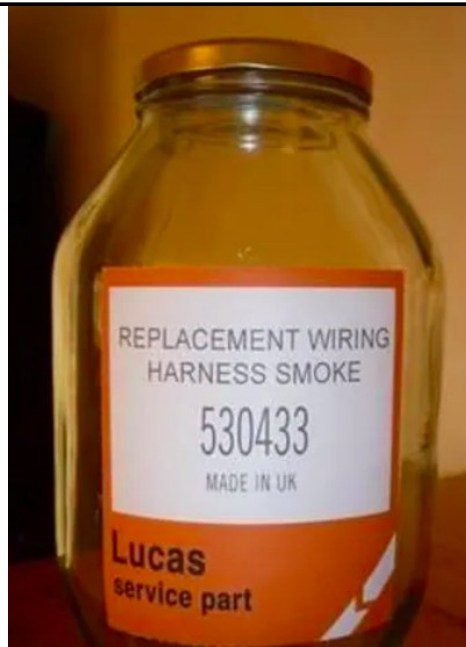
If Lucas made guns, wars would not start.

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a British car and asked the owner “How can you tell one switch from another at night? They all look the same.“ The owner replied, “It doesn’t matter which one you use, nothing happens!”

Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone. Thomas Alva Edison invented the Light Bulb. Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

Lucas Wiring Harness Smoke

It was realised that many Lucas electrical problems were due to smoke escaping from the wiring harness,. This could be remedied by replacing the smoke so replacement smoke was made available. Such was the demand that counterfeit smoke hit the market. Below pictured is genuine on the left an beside some fake thought to be sourced from illegal waste incineration.



Some bright spark (pun intended) had kits made up with helpful tips and replies to queries. Here are some examples.

Q: I have a fourteen year old son named Lucas who I have caught several times in the back of the garage smoking. Can I capture and use this smoke instead of the kit.?

A: Only if he lit up using sparks from a Lucas battery,

Q: I lost a lot of smoke in my Morris Minor and unfortunately some of the wiring insulation was lost. Does this product replace that as well?

A: Normally only if it is black. For wiring like the Blue/White tracer wire to headlights you will need a special order. The white smoke is not too difficult but blue needs to get our chemical engineers involved.

Q: I have been very diligent over the years and have maintained the smoke in my Sunbeam's wires perfectly. The problem is that that special Lucas perfume has disappeared from the dash, carpets and seats. In fact, at the last Concours d'Elegance I lost out to a frogeye with period odours. Is the smoke in your kit fresh enough to bring back the OEM smells of burning plastic and bakelite and are you include an adapter?

A: No adapter needed, but have you tried just STARTING and running it? It might bring back the aroma by itself.

Q: Is this setup on the "metric system" or can it be used universally? I have a MB 380SL but have replaced some of the wirings with U.S. products. Will your product make the transition? Also, are there any EPA limitations on shipping?

A: This setup is Whitworth only. sorry.

Q: Can I use this device to replace the smoke in my Alfa Spider? Is Brit smoke the same as Italian smoke?

A: Only if it's pre-Bosch.

CALENDAR

August 2023

1 st	AGM followed by General Meeting Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 7.30pm	
16 th	The Nobbies Meet at Fincher Street 9am for drive to Nobbies Or meet at venue 10am for morning coffee Take a stroll along the boardwalk (weather permitting) then a visit to the Penguin Centre. Lunch (is desired) at a venue of your choice	Yvonne 0414590632 or Judy 0419371441
19 th	BOY'S SHED SHOW & TELL Trevor Underwood 14 Clarence Street Loch	Trevor 0400215664
26 th	Motor Cycle Run – details of route when you meet Meet at Fincher Street 930am for a 10am start	Peter Mattea 0421832858

September 2023

5 th	General Meeting 7.30pm	
13 th	Wilsons Botanical Gardens (2 nd attempt) 668 Princes Highway, Berwick BYO Picnic, BBQ or buy at venue Café available. Meet at Tooradin Bakery for morning tea at 10.00am—you could purchase your sandwich etc. here if you do not wish to take a picnic. Then onto Berwick	Yvonne 0414590632 or Judy 0419371441
23 rd	BOY'S SHED SHOW & TELL Dianne Adams 40 Silvereye Circuit Wonthaggi	Dianne 0408504828
30 th	Motor Cycle Run – details of route when you meet Meet at Fincher Street 930am for a 10am start	Peter Mattea 0421832858



Motorcycle Run
Last Sunday of each month
(weather permitting)
commencing April 2023
Time: Meet at Fincher Street @
9.30am for a 10.00am start
Where: To be advised ?????

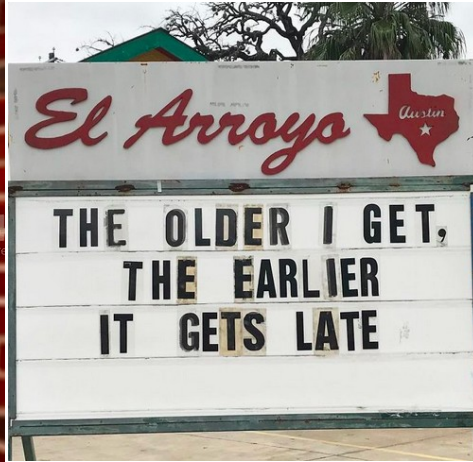
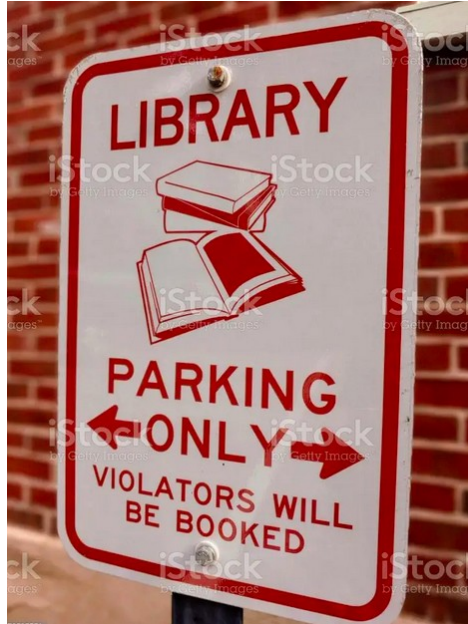
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make sure that you sign in at
each run.

Expressions of Interest, questions or comments
to:

PETER MATTEA, 0421832858.



- My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
2. I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.
 3. I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.
 4. I used to have a handle on [life](#), but then it broke.
 5. I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.
 6. I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the car park. That is wrong on so many levels.
 7. I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my [grandfather](#)... Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
 8. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
 9. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.
 10. It takes a lot of balls to golf the way I do
 11. I told him to be himself; that was pretty mean, I guess.





SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Breakup

SUNDAY 10 TH DECEMBER 2023
@ 12 Noon

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club
75 Graham Street
Wonthaggi 3995

Cost \$38pp 2 course lunch
Main: Turkey, Ham with Roast
Vegetables, Gravy & Cranberry sauce
Dessert: 50/50 drop Plum Pudding
with Custard or Pavlova with a Berry
Compote & Cream

Payment: By Tuesday 5th December

Bookings: Please contact:
Yvonne mobile 0414 590 632
Judy mobile 0419 371 441

Brain teasers

Answers to last issue's puzzles

Puzzle 1.

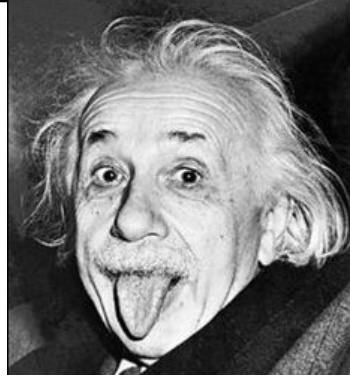
It disappeared.

Puzzle 2

Ace, Allie, June and Luke are on the same team (Names end in "e"). There 10 with "a" in their name so the other three in this team must all have an "a". Emma Qin and Tina (Unique letter), and Carl and Eric (given together) don't have enough "a"s so must be in the other team. (Red). Jacob is with Emma so must also be red. Jacob and June are in different teams the other first initials go together, putting Carla in red to go with Carl. We now have
Red - Emma, Qin and Tina, Carl, Eric, Jacob and Carla,
Blue - Ace, Allie, June, Luke with Dora, Draco and Kaleb to bring up the seven

Puzzle3.

21104 Multiply to get first two digits, add to get next and difference to get the last.



This month's puzzles

Puzzle 1."

Some for the mathematically curious.

Abigail and Ben are standing back to back beside a railway line as a train approaches. As the front of the train passes

them they both start walking at the same pace, Abigail in the opposite direction to the train, Ben in the same direction.

After 30 metres Abigail stops as the end of the train reaches her. Ben continues to walk until the end of the train reaches him, covering 45 metres. How long is the train?

Hint:- The speed of the train (distance/time) is constant and although cannot be worked out is useful.

Puzzle 2

Al, Ben, Carl, and Dan are all different ages. The tens digits of their ages are 2, 3, 4, and 5, though not necessarily in that order. The ones digits of their ages are 2, 3, 4, and 5, also not necessarily in that order. One of them is 42 years old. The tens digit of Al's age is 2, the tens digit of Ben's age is 3, and the ones digit of Carl's age is 4. The ones digit of Al's age is not 5. How old is each man?

Puzzle 3

100 aliens attended an intergalactic meeting on earth.

73 had two heads,
28 had three eyes,
21 had four arms,
12 had two heads and three eyes,
9 had three eyes and four arms,
8 had two heads and four arms,
3 had all three unusual features.

How many aliens had none of these unusual features?
You will be very pleased Venn you work out the answer to this one.



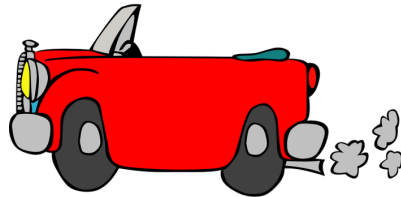
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Ladies Lunch
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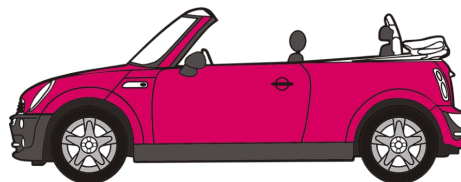
Par 3
5755 Bass Highway
Inverloch

Please advise either
Judy : 0419 371 441
Yvonne: 0414590632

Boy's Show & Tell Roster



Date	Name & Address
19th August	Trevor Underwood 14 Clarence St Loch
23rd September	Dianne Adams 40 Silvereye Circuit Wonthaggi



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

August September 2023

Almost (1 August) Annual Meeting time when the new club year commences, the committee and hopefully new committee members are sworn in, the financial position of the club is presented by the treasurer, the October tour to Ararat will be close to being finalised and social plans for the ensuing year are being made, all in all a thrilling meeting and not to be missed!

AGM to be followed by monthly general meeting.

As notified previously the AOMC in partnership with other State bodies are conducting a National survey to obtain the economic value of the enthusiast vehicle movement in Australia. This information will be used to demonstrate the economic and social values of our interests to Government and key stakeholders.

In view of this the survey has been emailed to members asking them to take a few minutes to complete and return the survey, which is both voluntary and anonymous. An SMS follow up to all members has been sent and any member who has not received the survey should contact the writer.

Immediately following the AGM reminder letters to members who have not paid their annual fees will be sent. This involves approximately 35 members, of which 24 own club permit vehicles. Once again members are reminded that it is an offence to drive a club permitted vehicle whilst unfinancial.

Members thinking about joining the committee are invited to do so and should contact the secretary, Brian Asbury, immediately.

Happy motoring,

Daryl Minter
Club Registrar
0418133161.

Calendar

August 2023 - January 2024

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