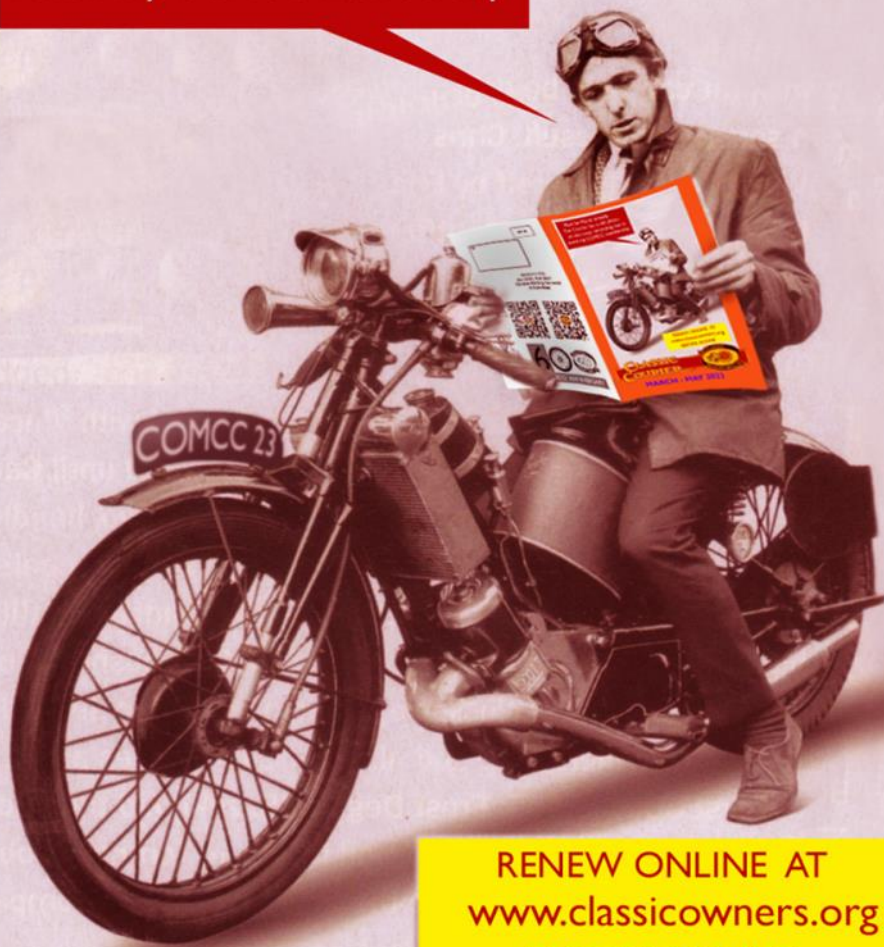


Must be March already.
The Courier has an old photo
on the cover reminding me to
renew my COMCC membership



RENEW ONLINE AT
www.classicowners.org
BEFORE 30 JUNE



MARCH - JULY 2023



EVENTS CALENDAR



Check with www.classicowners.org or check with a committee member before setting out

- 2 April** British Motorcycle Day Balhannah Oval www.fomsa.org
 Ride to BMD www.classicowners.org or COMCC Facebook
- 11-12 March** Sellicks Beach Racing www.levismcc.asn.au/racing
- 19** SAPOL Historic Vehicles open day www.classicowners.org or COMCC Facebook
- 21 May** Distinguished Gentleman's Ride www.gentlemansride.com

See pages 12-13 for the 2023 Club Calendar

MOPED RUN DATES

Co-ordinators Malcom Downie 0439 891 355
 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917

2023 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR

5 Feb	Goolwa	6 August	Williamstown
16 April	Mount Pleasant	15 October	Mount Barker
4 June	Strathalbyn	3 December	Charleston

MID-WEEK RUN DATES

Meet at Hazelwood Park, Hawthorn Cres. Hazelwood Park
 - all types and makes of motorcycles welcome

Meet at 9.30 for 10.00am start

1st Wednesday of the month

3rd Tuesday of the month

Ride destination decided on the day

WEEKEND RUN DATES

Weekend runs take place on the first convenient Sunday after the General Meeting

Until a Club Captain is appointed, the Weekend Runs will adopt the same format as the Mid-week Runs— Ride destination decided on the day. When a calendar for runs is established, members will be advised at the General Meetings and via www.classicowners.org and the Classic Courier.

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE DAY

2 April 2023 10am - 4pm
Balhannah Oval

Display of the Best of British
 Veteran-Vintage-Classic-Modern
SPECTATORS \$5 - fun day
 food - music - club displays - regalia
 racing bike start-ups

Brit bikes welcome for display
 Entry \$5 Show&Shine \$10
 (proceeds to SAHMRI)
 Trophies Awarded
 Details www.fomsa.org

Logos: FOM, BSA, Royal Enfield, Ariel, AJS, etc.

COMCC want as many British bikes as possible to be part of our club display.
 All British bikes are eligible including modern Triumphs and Royal Enfields. Register with Charles secretary@classicowners.org
 If you have a British bike, ride it to the oval or bring it on a trailer and head to the COMCC gazebo. Entry is **\$5 cash only**
 Entry to the **Show&Shine \$10**
Non British bikes can also park on the oval

FROM THE CHAIR



Well, the last wish of my November report (about the incessant rain) came true in spades! For those of you interested in the statistics, at the West Terrace observation site, only 33.8 mm of rain has been recorded since 1 December last year up until 24 February this year on only 14 days. If we discount the days with less than 1 mm, there were only 7 wet days! Most of our regular rides were done in almost ideal conditions up until the last week or so of February when it started to get a bit warm for many. Thanks to Allan Vaisham, Martin Blindell and Tony Mitchell for being ride leader as the occasion required. Sorry if I have missed anyone.

After the Christmas break, our year got off to a great start with the Summer Barbeque at Thornden Park. A good turnout of around 60 members and partners despite the rather cool unseasonable conditions. The rain held off and the organisers: Bob and Natalie Cole, and myself had lots of positive feedback. The committee are planning to make this an annual function. Our next major club event will be our contribution to the FOM **British Motorcycle Day** to be held at the Balhannah Oval on 2 April. Preparations are well under way with an upgraded marquee, but our success will be measured by the number of bikes we can muster for a club display. So far interest has been somewhat disappointing, so get those Pommy bikes out of the shed and up to Balhannah - any age old to modern. They don't have to be in concours condition - they just have to be there. Entry is only \$5, and all are eligible to win the 'Lucky Bastard' award. Proceeds will go to SAHMRI. This year on every general meeting night we have organised to have catering available at the West Croydon - Kilkenny RSL clubrooms. The bar will be open until 7pm. Get there about 6pm for a meal, a drink, and a bit of socialising before the meeting at 7:45pm.

Alan Kernich President

EDITOR'S COMMENTS



Welcome to the first edition of the Classic Courier for 2023 and COMCC's 61st year. This quarter covers the holiday period and the club's first event of the new year, the 'Summer BBQ'. Judging by the number of members attending, the decision to vacate the crowded month of December, was a great success (see pp10-11).

All events currently planned for 2023 appear on the 'COMCC 2023 Calendar' (see pp12-13).

Events may be added and the dates may vary, so keep up to date on

classicowner.org and check your email.

Coming up next month on 2 April is the **FOM British Motorcycle Day**. Members with British bikes are encouraged to come along and join the COMCC display, others to come along and enjoy the show. **Spectators and Entrants \$5 Show & Shine entry \$10.**

You may have noticed the dates on the cover. The next edition of the Courier will be a month late as I'll be overseas. Don't let that put you off sending in those articles and photos!

Trevor Jones Editor



SAHMRI Presented with Funds Raised by the Festival of Motorcycling 2022



On 14 of December (from left to right) COMCC President Alan Kernich, FOM co-ordinator Lew Hylton, Andrew Bedford Ducati Owners Club, Matthew Iasiello SAHMRI, Bob Cole COMCC Social Sec., posed outside the SAHMRI Building on North Terrace with three bikes to symbolically hand over the \$3,250 raised by the Festival of Motorcycling events in 2022.

As well as having a great time at the events, participants should remember they are contributing to medical research. This year the recipient was

Matthew Iasiello, a SAHMRI PhD Medical Research Student in the area of mental health.

Congratulations to all the organisers and participants in FOM 2022.



The Charleston Challenge 4 December 2022

Participants

David Saint Puch 1966 250cc	Mick Hayes Suzuki 2005 400cc
Kym Miller Yamaha 1978 500cc	Paul David Matchless 1940 350cc
Joe Betschart CZ 1950 150cc	Mark Bever Honda 1974 72cc
Tony Earnshaw Yamaha 1972 125cc	Phil Baughan Ariel 1953 600cc
Roger O'Loughlin Honda 2013 125cc	Ian Voysey Malvern Star 1948 98cc
John Groschel BMW 1994 1000cc	Malcolm Downs Norton Commando 1971 750cc

Back up trailer Wayne Williams and assistant Alan Wallis.

When it was decided that a new end of year course was needed to replace the Coast Run, Warren Duncan spent considerable time selecting a course that did not coincide with any of the established Mopeds Plus courses.

When he was satisfied, a committee composed of regular event marshals Mick Hayes and Roger O'Loughlin, with Warren Duncan and Alan Wallis met at Charleston to survey the course. They found that it satisfied requirements expected by Mopeds Plus participants.

The Charleston Hotel was very supportive, and public areas behind the hotel proved a perfect spot to park and unload machines. The owners were keen to cater for a group lunch and gave the choice of an air conditioned dining room or their outside dining area. We chose the dining room, which they set up for the 14 who indicated their intention on the registration sheet. Service was excellent, and diners appeared well satisfied with the meals. We did not stop for a morning tea break but had a comfort stop at a toilet block park on the outskirts of Nairn. The course, according to Roger O'Loughlin's trip meter, was 72 kilometres and took approximately one-and-three quarters of an hour including the toilet stop.

The roads Warren chose were all well maintained and remarkably devoid of traffic. In spite of some very steep sections, there was no call to use the trailer. The two smallest capacity machines were Mark Bever's 72cc Honda and Ian Voysey's 98cc auto cycle. Both met the challenge, although Ian was seen giving a short burst of pedal assistance on one particularly steep rise. Unfortunately, Warren was too ill to attend this event. As previously reported, both he and I have now resigned as co-ordinators. Fortunately, two club members came forward after the November general meeting and volunteered to take over beginning with the Targa Hindmarsh on February 5, 2023. As there is no general meeting in December, the endorsement of a

new co-ordinator team will to have to take place at the January meeting.

Alan Wallis O.A.M. Life Member

As Warren Duncan and Alan Wallis bow out as Moped Plus co-ordinators, in addition to thanking them for organising events during their tenure as co-ordinators. I would like to thank them of behalf of the Classic Courier for their excellent Moped Plus Ride Reports which they have send in without fail, complete with a list of participants after every run.

Editor

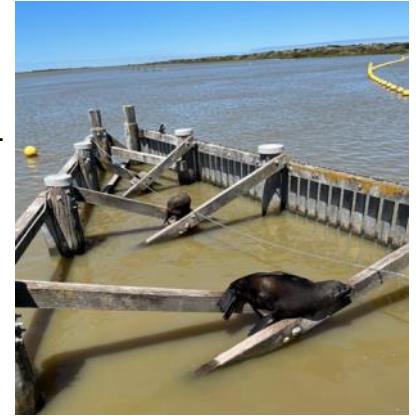
Targa Hindmarsh Goolwa 5 February 2023

The Mopeds plus Goolwa run was held on Sunday 5 February. 10 bikes attended on a mild sunny day. The ride started at the Richard Ballard Park at 10.30 am and then over the Hindmarsh Island bridge around the island to the Murray mouth lookout where we stopped to take in the view. We then retraced our steps back and around to the Coorong Quays Marina where we broke for lunch.

After lunch we travelled out past the airport and around the outskirts of Goolwa to the Barrages where saw some sleeping seals and quite a few dead fish. The ride went smoothly except for a lost gearshift and seized front forks on one bike.

I would like to thank Wayne our back-up trailer driver assisted by Allan Wallis, Michael Hayes for leading and Roger O'Loughlin and Malcom Downie for keeping everyone on the right track. The next ride is on Sunday 16th April at Mt Pleasant.

Geoff Stevens



FROM THE ARCHIVE



As the Mopeds Plus rides or peddles into a new chapter with Malcolm and Geoff, here is an article from the March-May Courier 2020 entitled 'The First 25 years'

Mopeds gathering for epic



Ian Wilson and a typical moped, the French Mobylette.

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Moped Marathon, another has been organised — National Mopedalling Sunday.

To be held on May 28, it will be bigger and longer than last year's event in which 40 moped operators pedalled and motored their tiny machines 94km around a course from Birdwood to Tanunda and back.

This year, the route again will begin at the National Motor Museum, Birdwood, but will be longer at 120km.

Competitors will buzz through Mt Torrens, Angaston, Tanunda and back to Birdwood.

Organisers are Ian Wilson and Rex Howard who said many prospective entrants had found, repaired and even restored old mopeds, some of which had cost as little as \$20.

All types of two-wheeled, combined pedal and engine-powered vehicles are eligible for the event, for which there is no entry fee.

Further information is available from Mr Howard on (08) 278 5337.

1995

With the passing of 25 years of 'mopedding', I thought it was time to reminisce about how it all began- I was there. The first moped run, which became known as 'The Marathon', was organized by Ian Wilson and Rex Howard on Sunday 31st May 1994. The route was from the Birdwood Mill, around the Barossa and return. Over 40 mopeds took part, and a sausage sizzle followed.

Rex and Ian ran the event yearly until 1999. Brian Ludlum took over for over 1 year, then Wes Southgate organized the first beach run. In 2000 Brian Cowling and Peter Flaherty took over. From 2002 Brian Cowling and John Geovanovich paired up; and with interest high, moped runs became a bi-monthly event with the slogan 'First Sunday rain or shine'. Fortunately, most of the events have been run in fair weather. Ray Mann acted for many years as tail-end Charlie, and certificates were issued after the Marathon events. The Moped group were independent, and Brian and John produced a

quarterly newsletter 'Moped Matters'. There were 48 on the initial mailing list on 17th August 2000, increasing to 60 by the tenth newsletter. Early moped runs were from: Birdwood, Williamstown, Mt Barker, McLaren Vale, Yankalilla, Goolwa, Birkenhead, Strathalbyn, Lobethal (the old grand prix circuit) in 1998. With the advent of Historic Registration, the group joined the Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club. Brian Cowling was already a member. From 2012 Brian handed over to the present organisers, Alan Wallis and Warren Duncan.

Ian Voysey member 598

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to the club is extended to...



6152 Peter McIntyre	Clapham	6145 Adrian Telfer	Greenwith
6153 Mark Beyer	Highbury	6149 Leonard Kriekenbeek	Renown Pk
6151 Simon Long	Coromandel Valley	6150 Clinton Baker	Seaton
6146 Richard Holroyd	Coromandel East	328 Bruce Dowdell	Murray Bridge
6147 Randall Putz	Prospect	6154 John Cartwright	Grange
6148 Michael Haines	Seaview Downs	6144 Gary Green	Underdale
6143 Mark Beedle	North Haven	6155 Theo Cocking	





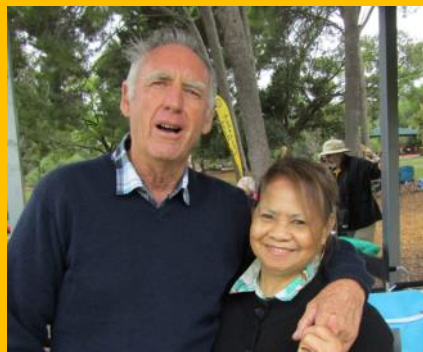
**KEEP CALM
AND CARRY ON
TO BALHANNAH OVAL
FOR
BRITISH MOTORCYCLE DAY
Sunday 2 April 2023**

www.fomsa.org

COMCC Summer BBQ

COMCC 'Christmas' BBQ started its new life as the COMCC 'Summer' BBQ with a big turnout of members at Thorndon Park on 29 January. Social Secretary Bob Cole and his assistants secured a comfortable covered seating area in the busy park. Rumour has it interlopers were discouraged by being told the area was due to be occupied by a 'bunch of bikers' arriving for lunch. Members enjoyed an excellent lunch of snags, steak, and salad followed by Evangeline's matchless apple strudel. A big thankyou to all involved in the organisation of the event. It was much appreciated by the members who attended.

TJ



**Thanks to
Adrian
for his
great
photos**



COMCC 2023 CALENDAR

Members are reminded events maybe subject to change—
they are accurate at the time of publication but could change.
Changes are notified in the Courier (if possible) and on
classicowners.org or check with somebody on page 18
before you put your helmet on...

FEBRUARY

5 Mopeds Gawler

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

MARCH

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

APRIL

2 April British Motorcycle Day

16 Mopeds Mt Pleasant

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

MAY

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

JUNE

4 Mopeds Strathalbyn

17 Log Book Day

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

JULY

25 AGM

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

AUGUST

6 Mopeds Williamstown

26 COMCC Annual Dinner

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

SEPTEMBER

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

OCTOBER

1-7 Festival of Motorcycling

15 Mopeds Mt Barker

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

NOVEMBER

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday

DECEMBER

3 Mopeds Charleston

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday 4th weekend of the month

JANUARY 2024

28 Summer BBQ

Midweek Rides

1st Wed 3rd Tuesday

Weekend Ride

Sunday after General Meeting

Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday

General Meeting 4th Tuesday



2022 M.R.A Toy Run

For the first time in three years, the MRA Toy Run returned to its usual format of the assembly on the V8 grid followed by the Run along the freeway to Callington. Although the numbers appeared to be a bit down on the pre-pandemic runs, it remains a popular event. According to Channel 9, the run attracted 2,500 bikes with 6,000 presents.

The weather was ideal: overcast, warm with occasional sun. As I had a look at the assembled bikes I saw a couple of COMCC members- John Groeschel and Adrian Howe. Older bikes were in the minority. My pick was probably a very tasty BSA 650 with a two-into-one exhaust and twin leading shoe front brake.

11am and Santa's Kawasaki 1100 sled led us to the freeway past the waving spectators on East Terrace and Glen Osmond Road. The trip up the freeway was much like any ride on the freeway but with well wishers waving from the overhead bridges.

The locals in Callington were out in force lining the road to welcome the run before the bikes were very smoothly marshalled onto the oval. Most participants stayed long enough for a cup of coffee and perhaps 'bacon on a stick' (I didn't make that up) before hitting the road to make the most of a Sunday's ride. I hope the Toy Run, like many other events, will recover from the Covid cancellations and numbers will reach new highs. The Toy Run is certainly a worthy cause. TJ



Photographed photographer



Adrian and John check out a touring boxer



v Festive Beeza with TLS front brake

^ Adelaide made Elliot Payneham



< Moto Guzzi V7



I think Santa needs a new front tyre > before next year's Christmas deliveries



MID-WEEK RUNS

2022 finished with a couple of good runs in December. Wednesday saw us riding in good weather South to Middleton via morning tea at McLaren Flat. This was probably the last stop at the original McLaren Flat Home Bakery for the club. The café has changed hands. But for those devoted to their chicken pies, they are still available at the Aldinga branch. Tuesday's ride attracted about 20 escapees from the Christmas rush, and we had pleasant ride to Milang via Wistow. For the first ride of the new year, president Alan on his Triumph Triple led us along some open roads to Angaston where after the lunch stop he found he had a punctured rear wheel and had to pillion home. I managed only the February's Wednesday ride as the hot weather caught up with Adelaide.

TJ



^ Two shots of the lookout above Middleton

< Peter & Phil at the morning tea stop at Wistow



WEEKEND RUNS

Weekend rides have been going ahead in the absence of a Club Captain in the same format as the Mid-Week Runs— destination and leader decided on the day. Meet 9.30 for 10am start at Hazelwood Park, Hawthorn Cres. Hazelwood Park. Run date is the first Sunday after the General Meeting.

Further details www.classicowners.org Club Facebook Page,



All types and makes of motorcycles are welcome on Classic Owners Runs*

***Helmets compulsory**



FOR SALE & WANTED

Check www.classicowners.org

For Sale & Wanted ads will run for two issues. Placement of ads restricted to Club members only. Photos of most of these items on www.classicowners.org

FOR SALE

Burman CP Gearbox (G III M50) in working order.
Suit pre-1952 AMC bike.
It was swapped out of a bike for the correct later model GB box.
\$300
Trevor Jones **8298 7545**

BMW R90S 1975

56,256kms 2nd owner stored for 30 years. Serviced new tyres-ready to go.
Rego. RY-012
\$16,000
Ian **0413 055 265**

WANTED Kawasaki 400 KZ front brake caliper or whole bike.
Randall **0418 858 412**

Evangeline has the club regalia on sale at the General Meetings.

Is your bike complete without a COMCC sticker?

Are you complete without a COMCC windcheater?



LOOK LIKE A CHAMPION

COMCC Black 'EST 1962' windcheater

AVAILABLE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club



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Web Designer Geoff Woodberry

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Machine Registrar Bob Finnie 0411 687 666

South Paul David 0403 903 071 Barry Young 0419 858 871

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022-2023

Joining \$15 (includes lapel badge)

Full \$35 **Pensioner** \$30
Magazine printed and posted \$12 or e-mailed free

All membership renewals due before 30 June of each year

General Meetings 4th Tuesday every month (except Dec.), 7.45pm
at West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon. A basket
supper follows - contributions welcome.

Committee Meetings 3rd Tuesday of every month (except Dec.), 7.30pm
at West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon. Open to
all members.

CLUB REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

Historic Registration is now 'Club Registration'

Regulations Regarding Financial Membership and Club Registration

- Club Registration of a vehicle is conditional on the owner being a financial member of a registered car or motorcycle club. COMCC requires the vehicle must be inspected by a machine examiner, after which a log book will be issued. Club Registration is not transferable upon the sale of the vehicle.

- Vehicles must be over 30 years old (eg a bike manufactured in 1988 is eligible July 2018). Some modifications to historic vehicles are allowed for safety reasons – check with the machine registrar.

- **Regardless of your joining date, your membership renewal is due by the 30th June and if it is not paid by this date your vehicle is not registered and cannot be legally ridden on the road.**

- **It is your responsibility to ensure that your dues are paid by this date and that your Log Book is stamped for the current financial year.**

The Club is obliged by law to inform the Motor Registration Department of any owners of Club registered vehicles who are not financial, (no longer members of the Club) and their Club registration is cancelled.

Members whose dues are not paid by the due date will be asked to re-join and pay the \$10 joining fee, unless the Committee considers that there are extenuating circumstances.

Further information www.fhmcsa.org.au The Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of S.A. Inc.

Lost Log Book Replacement

If a Log Book is lost or destroyed, a replacement can be issued by your authorising club only upon proof of the balance of 90 day's use in any year. It is suggested that you keep a separate record of events attended and other usage.

ADVERTISING ON THE CLUB WEB SITE & THE CLASSIC COURIER

Members may place ads in **For Sale & Wanted** on the Club website and in the *Classic Courier*.

Ads for motorcycles or cars for sale must have either a Rego number or an Engine number.

Photos can also be placed on the website:

- send ads to Trevor Jones 8298 7545 magazine@classicowners.org or Charles Oliver secretary@classicowners.org
- submit ads in writing at general meetings
- post ads to PO Box 642 Plympton, South Australia 5038.

Ads placed on the website will also appear in the *Classic Courier* and *Courier* ads on the website.

Magazine ads will run for two issues (6 months) unless renewed.

Please withdraw ads that are no longer required.

The Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club Inc.
PO Box 642 Plympton SA 5038
www.classicowners.org

If you have **changed** your contact details
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postal address
phone
please send an e-mail to

Ed Lowery
membership@classicowners.org



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DEADLINE FOR

July - Aug 2023
General Meeting last week
in June

