

The Riley Motor Club

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June/July 2021

Meeting
on 24th
Run
on 27th

John Virgo

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Photo on the right
from the Hayes' collection.



President's and Acting Club Captain's Update



Well, here we are in June all ready. Only 6 months until Christmas & only ONE month until our Christmas in July run & lunch.

If you haven't placed your lunch order (& paid) yet you need to have it in by June 30th. See details on the right.

On Sunday 27th June we will have a club run from Crafers to Goolwa for lunch & then to see new member Brian Jeffery's car. Details also on the right.

At the last club meeting we had a brief wrap up of the National Rally. All in all, everyone had a good time. It was great to catch up with & make new Riley friends.

Plans are well underway for the Border Bash on the October/November weekend. Some planning has been adjusted due to the lack of available accommodation in Bordertown. An event over the same weekend involving lower horsepower per unit beat us to it. Updated details will be out soon.

The committee is currently looking at 2 alternative sites to hold our meetings. Depending on which one we go with may require a change of the meeting night to the first Thursday of month. Inspections of both locations are taking place & the outcome will be brought to the next meeting.

As this is your club it would be fantastic for you to step up to the plate & take over the position of Treasurer or Club Captain.

Please consider this & come & have a chat with me about what is involved in these positions.

Keep warm, safe & well. See you at the next meeting.

Mark

A Very Brief Word from the Editor

Some new by-lines this month.

Have a good Riley read.

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2021

EVENTS

June

- 24 Club Meeting** at Sue Murphy's 38 Laver Tce, Felixstow.
- 27 The June Run** Club run will start at the Crafers Hotel for morning tea, coffee & croissants. Meet at 10am for a 10.30 departure. We will drive via Cherry Gardens, Clarendon, Kangarilla, Meadows, Ashbourne, Strathalbyn, Finniss to lunch at Goolwa. See map on page 26. Lunch will be in any of the many eateries in town. After lunch (around 1.30 PM) we will go to the home of Jerilyn and Brian Jeffery (new members) to see Brian's wonderful creations. See page 10 of the April/May edition. We'll get there around 2.30PM.

July

- 22 Club Meeting** (See note in President's Update)
- 25 Christmas in July Lunch** organised by Lee & Carmen Friedrichs & Jeanette Kilgour. We'll meet at 10am at the Burnside Shopping complex and head off at 10.30am via the SE Freeway to the Hahndorf turnoff. And then on to the Blumberg Hotel at Birdwood. This [LINK](#) will take you to a meal selection form. Download it, clearly mark your selections and return it to Mark at president@rileysa.org.au before June 30th. Payment will also need to be made by then as we need to let the hotel know numbers.

August.

- 26 Club Meeting** (See note in President's Update)

September

- 23 Club Meeting** (See note in President's Update)
- 26 The Bay to Birdwood**

October

- 28 Club Meeting** (See note in President's Update)

November

- Oct 31 - Nov 1 The Border Rally.** See next page.

2022 March The National Rally in WA. See page 4.

2023 March The National Rally in Tasmania. See page 5.

The Membership List

is being distributed shortly. Put it in a safe place.



Vale John Virgo

We saw little of John. However, he was well known on the vintage racing track. A splendid sight in his red Riley special. He died in early May from complications following a ladder incident.

Photo on the right from the Hayes' collection.





Saturday 30 October to Monday 1 November 2021

The Riley Motor Club of S.A. Inc. invites you to the biannual "Border Run" to be held this year in

The event will start with Saturday evening Dinner on 30th October and conclude on the Monday with Dinner.

Activities might include a gathering with the local car club, a short drive to the "disputed territory" at Wolseley to check out the WW11 fuel storage tanks a visit to the historic Serviceton Railway Station and Mundulla. (Depending upon the new location.)

Based on the numbers expressing interest, we'll firm up the details including the choice of "Rally Central" accommodation.

Please send expressions of interest to attend to:
Christine Hayes at roxichh@senet.com.au
or call her on 0434 950 758.
by Saturday 26th June 2021.

All we need is:

Names of people planning to attend and
a contact phone number.

The National Rally 2022

in 9 months!

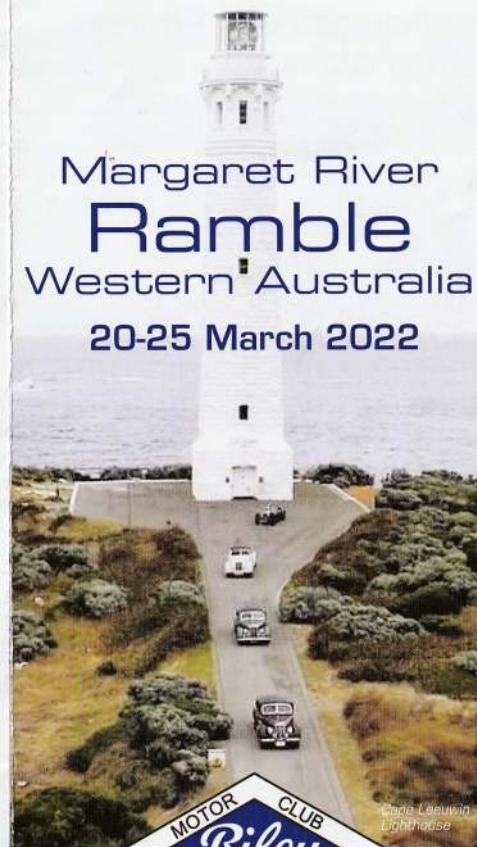
See the promotional video [here](#).**

Time to express your interest for the 2022 Margaret River Ramble



Please email your expression of interest by 30th June 2021 to rallysec@rileywa.org.au or for more information call Jim Runciman at 0419 847 888. Rally entry forms will be mailed in August 2021

Margaret River Ramble Western Australia 20-25 March 2022



Why Margaret River?

Known for its spectacular coastline, culture, caves and culinary prowess, Margaret River is an outstanding location for our next National Riley Rally. With a diverse range of attractions from towering Karri forests, breathtaking caves, soaring eagles, historic lighthouses, the longest wooden-piled jetty in the southern hemi-sphere; and the most south-westerly point on mainland Australia, this is a rally not to be missed. Our flexible rally program will allow you to take in the best the region has to offer with a range of optional experiences such as art, history, nature, Aboriginal culture, and a delicious choice of food and beverages to supplement the daily planned activities.

From internationally recognised distilleries, craft breweries and premium wineries to fresh produce, cheese, preserves, truffles, chocolate, coffee and more...a gourmet food experience awaits you as you travel the road and enjoy all the region has to offer in the company of your fellow Riley enthusiasts.

Optional Post Rally Tour

For those who wish to extend their WA experience, there will be a 4 day tour to Denmark on the WA South Coast. This will include:

- A visit to Albany overlooking the beautiful Princess Royal Harbour
- A drive through the Valley of the Giants (Karri and Tingle Trees)
- Optional Tree Top Walk
- A stroll along the spectacular Beach at William Bay
- An entertaining Eco Cruise on the Nonnalup Inlet

Accommodation Options

Our Rally Headquarters is Stay Margaret River Motel.

www.staymargaretriver.com.au and there is also a nearby caravan park with a variety of chalet style units [www. https://summerstar.com.au/caravan-parks/margaretriver](https://summerstar.com.au/caravan-parks/margaretriver)

** Note: When you navigate to this page the main information at the top of the page under the Riley Diamond looks like text but it's actually the start of the video. It takes about 10 seconds to move to the next image. Depending upon your browser, it might start automatically with sound. With some browsers you'll have to click on the text to fire it up.

The Riley Tour of Tasmania 2023

Preliminary plans have commenced for the "Riley Tour of Tasmania 2023", hosted by the Victorian Club. On the Tour, we will travel, stay, and tour together as much as possible within the accommodation constraints of this small island.

Tasmania is a magic destination with something for everyone: Historic towns & buildings, scenic landscapes, gourmet foods, arts & culture, natural beauty and of course great touring roads.

Our time in Tasmania is 10 days plus two nights on board the Spirit of Tasmania ferry. The anticipated dates are Tuesday 14th to Saturday 25th March 2023. These dates avoid school holidays and Easter which is early April.

We will tour the eastern half of the state, from Devonport through the Central Highland to Hobart. Around Hobart, go west, south or east. Then up the east coast to the Swansea/Bicheno area. We then head inland and up to Launceston. Explore the Launceston area before returning to Devonport.

Go to Riley Club of Victoria Website National Rally page for more details of the itinerary and register your interest by emailing to rileytasrally2023@gmail.com.

We will spend a total of 9 nights in three locations, with suggested accommodation options of Hotel/Motel, Villas/Apartments, and Tourist Park Cabins in each town for you to make your own bookings.

Our preliminary cost estimate, at current prices for two people, including the ferry, accommodation, meals, fuel, some of the major attractions' entry fees, and our Welcome, Mid Tour



Sailing to Tassie 1960s Style

and Farewell Dinners, is in the vicinity of \$4,500. This is **an indication only**. The ferry departs ex Geelong.

So, whilst this tour is two years away, it would greatly assist our planning and preliminary reservations if you could indicate your interest to us now. We don't expect you to make a firm commitment to attend, however, if you could let us know that you will **more than likely** participate in this Riley Touring National Rally it would be a big help to us.

Please forward the information requested below to us in an email so you can be kept informed of developments.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Riley Motor Club Victoria Rally Committee:

Contacts: Brian Graham 0412 674 055,
Marilyn Threlfall 0429 300 783, Phil Camm 0418 12 2 146.
rileytasrally2023@gmail.com

Participants in the 2005 Tour of Tasmania on display at Woolmers near Launceston.



NATIONAL RALLY 2023 "RILEY TOUR OF TASMANIA"

Expression of Interest Reply

Please reply by 30 June 2021 at the latest.

Name: _____

Email: / Postal Address: _____

Member of State Club: SA ____

Phone: _____ Number of people: ____

The National Rally, Broken Hill



This group travelled together. Lunch on Day 2 was at Manna Hill. From left to right...Liz Pike and John Henderson - RME, Mark Hayes – RMB, Rosalie Wilson and Peter Beech - RMB, Jeanette Kilgour and Eleanor Lavis - RMD, Christine Hayes - Elf, Helen Miller and Leigh Johnson - RMC. The plan was to have a Manna Hill photo from the drone but the wind was howling from the South. Very pleasant for driving North as we were but horrible for flying.



A Ford Avenue Foto

The photoshoot at the Mundi Mundi Lookout.

Both photos by Leigh Johnson

The National Rally

Right: Tucked away out of the wind by that shed on the top right of the photo on page 6, Christine Hayes prepared a feast. Eleanor, Jeanette, Rosalie and Peter survived on stuff they'd picked up from the Yunta truck stop. Me too.



A celebratory travelling tipple. Liz and John hosted lunch at Auburn. Margaret and Peter Leppard arrived soon after. Left to Right. Liz, Rosalie, Jeanette, Eleanor, Christine and Helen. Men were in the shed.



In the drive at Auburn.



Photos by Leigh Johnson

The National Rally



Liz and John approaching Yunta.

As you will have noticed there are no stories of the National Rally in this edition. In fact there are no stories about anything in this edition. However, there are lots of photos and each one is worth 1000 words as I've said before.

If you'd like to read some stories you can easily access the latest Riley magazines from the link on Our Magazine page on our website [here](#). They are all in State and date order. NSW, Victoria and Qld latest contain articles.

You might notice that there are no WA magazines there. I was asked to remove them. Long story and I won't bother you with it. Ed



It was freezing (literally) at Peterborough on the way home.

Photos by Leigh Johnson

The National Rally



In the words of our Prime Minister...How Good is That! Beth Garland is a NSW Riley Club member and a photographer. She took the photo above of Margaret and Peter Leppard in their Nine being followed by Liz Pike and John Henderson in the RME during the Rally. Her husband Peter Gurney took the one below, a front view of the lineup at Mundi Mundi Lookout. Beth is standing next to "her" car in the centre in blue. There are four SA Rileys in the front row. On the far left Michelle and Ed Keenan with their RMB, then Christine's green Elf with the Hayes RMB next to it and Pinkneys' Nine on the far right.



The National Rally



Phil Evans Nine with Margaret and Peter's Nine. Photo by Leigh Johnson



Helen Figgis from NSW took this photo of Diana and Graeme Pinkney at Mundi Mundi Lookout.

Matthew French from Queensland took this photo of Ross McOmish's Roadster which won best 2½ litre at Zinc Lakes .



Bev Wilson and David Thomson's Nine at the Museum.

Photo by Leigh Johnson



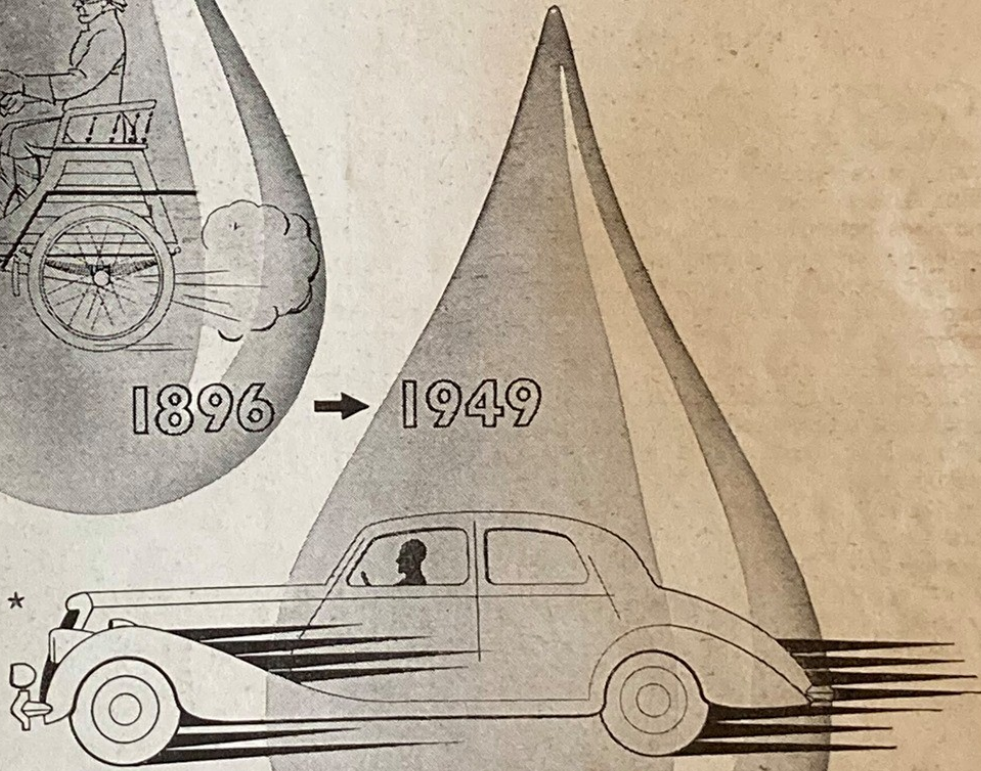
Michelle and Ed Keenan took their RMB. Michelle took this photo at The Desert Sculptures.

Science never stands still...

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McLAREN VALE Vintage & Classic



The April Run was the Vintage and Classic. Some dogs n people got dressed up for the event.

Christine and Amanda Hayes looked after the furry ones.

Helen and Leigh dressed only the top half that was visible in the procession.

Valerie Pullan should have won the best dressed prize for her colour-coordinated period outfit but didn't rate a mention. The "judges" need help.

Below Right: New members Jerilyn and Brian Jeffery (white hat and white top) joined us and so too did Helen Wilkinson (back to camera).

Below Left: Graeme Pinkney took the opportunity to test fit an Elf.

The day was great; the organisation was crap. The start is designed to ensure that all those going to their respective wineries arrive together. This ensures all needs for food happen together. A point bemoaned by one of the food truck persons.

Despite knowing absolute numbers the organisers got two food trucks for our winery and encouraged us very strongly to not take our own food.

The wait for food was extraordinarily long, unnecessary and just plain pathetic.

The organisers need help. Ed



Below: Had this photo been taken just a bit later, Life Member Rosalie Wilson would have been in it. When the food issue became apparent the Pinkneys called her at MtCompass for sustenance and she delivered. Rob and Ross shared their chips. Never has a soggy chip tasted so good. Ed



McLAREN VALE Vintage & Classic



Above: A couple of spectators, Steph and Jason Russell, were showing a greater than usual amount of interest in our cars. We got chatting. It turned out that Steph is the daughter of a long time Riley person in the UK, Geoff Haviland. Geoff is well known to Graeme Pinkney (offering a glass above) and was in Australia for Touring Tasmania in 2005. See pages 5 and 24.

Belle, Rob Revitt's RMB



ClicksByKicks



Herb, Christine Hayes' Elf

ClicksByKicks

Eleanor, Sue Murphy's RME



ClicksByKicks

Chester, Diana n Graeme's Nine



Above: Diana and Graeme Pinkney's son Fraser took this photo of them in the street procession. **Below:** Ruby and Eleanor, as well as Ross McOmish's RMC, made it onto the Channel 7 News. See it [here](#).

Jessicar, Helen n Leigh's Roadster



ClicksByKicks

Todd from Clicks By Kicks [here](#) captured quite a few of our cars. Very, very nice photos. Shows what can be done when you bend ze knees. And he says he's just an amateur!



Valerie n Mark Pullen's RMF



ClicksByKicks



One more thing you might do with a



And, how much stuff can you fit in a Roadster?

by Lester Square



THREE TON TOURING

This '49 Riley Roadster was spared a fate worse than rust

LEGEND SAYS the 2.5 litre Riley Roadster was born on the back of a cigarette packet at a New York meeting soon after World War II. A North American distributor convinced the Riley man he could shift a few roadsters based on the successful post-war Riley sedans. The story continues that the English Riley was good but soon fell sales victim to a copycat - the Jaguar XK120 which was prettier, faster and cheaper.

So the Riley has its place, albeit small, in motoring folklore. And one of the 1949 roadsters has its place in the shed outside my place.

But the Riley was, and remains, a good car. Very much a stylish touring machine while never really a sports car. The English magazine *Autocar*, after a deal of praise, said back in September, 1948: "One can readily visualise the car flying across France, for example, at a 50-plus average,

or again between cities in South Africa or Australia, where 500-mile hops are commonplace... taking in its stride the deteriorations of road surface by virtue of the excellent qualities of its torsion bar front suspension and long half-elliptic rear springs." Quite right they were, too.

The Riley's big 2.5 litre four produced a factory-claimed 100 bhp at 4500 rpm and, through a well-spaced four-speed transmission, a claimed 100 mph.

Autocar's testers managed 98 mph (157 km/h) with a "natural" cruising speed around 75 mph (120 km/h) from the 4.11 to 1 top gear.

With a little care the Riley is still quite capable of those speeds. Allied to the (10'3.04m) wheelbase, good suspension and close on three tonnes of weight with a load aboard, the roadster is a safe and steady touring car, comfortable and classy.

Bred from a well-mannered and critically acclaimed English sedan primarily for the export market, the Riley Roadster was a touch trans-Atlantic in style.

It retained the front end of the 2.5 sedan with flowing guards and long bonnet narrowing towards a handsome radiator grille. Behind the flat screen came a bench seat for three and then a huge rear end with cavernous boot topped off by the spare wheel.

From the front it could be a bloated T-series MG, from the rear it has been taken for a '40s American refugee.

Riley was so keen on that American market it strengthened the sedan's chassis front and rear so the roadster could be fitted with huge bumpers front and rear at the right height for the Yanks' style of driving. The hood was easily raised and lowered, folding in neatly behind the seat, and side curtains attached to



Well, just ask the Editor. He and Helen don't travel lightly as this photo of the Roadster being emptied after the National Rally clearly shows. And the drone, jumper leads, tow rope and some more stuff under the seats aren't even in view.

I was curious when I read the article on the left from *Wheels Magazine*, November 1988 which says a Roadster fully laden is "close on three tonnes".

I asked the Editor to weigh a few things including himself. He reported that all this stuff tops out at less than 190kg. Add two people; that's 150kg. Add fuel at 80kg and the total is 420kg. Add the weight of the vehicle 1356kg and the grand total is under 2 tonnes at 1776kg.

Roadsters must have been heavier in 1988. Or there's been a mis-count.

For Sale

1951 RMB, in very reasonable condition, two tone grey, new tyres, runs well.

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Phone: Arthur 0401 621 018



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I thought you might be interested in this strange ad I've attached.

I noticed your comment in a previous edition about having nothing to edit because no members provide you with any input. I hope that this little bit helps. Edit as you wish.

The ad appeared on a Facebook page.

I'm a poor researcher so I asked Rob Revitt, one of our local Pathfinder owners, what he thought. He made some enquiries which confirmed my thinking.

Meanwhile, I contacted Mark Story in Victoria a well-known Pathfinder enthusiast. From talking to Mark it would appear that, not only is this a 1955 car but there are about **60 Pathfinders known in Australia!**

Makes you wonder about some people doesn't it?

[Don Bennett](#)



The Duke of Edinburgh's brief Riley connection

Gwyn Morris, writing on the RM Club Forum noted recently..."The Duke was driven in the course cars at the Isle of Man "TT" in 1949.

The Roadster is the 2nd prototype GVC 705 (now returned to the UK after spending many years in the USA and now undergoing a thorough refurbishment).

The Isle of Man main Riley agents were Athol Garage and Brian Mylchreest was an enthusiastic promoter of the spritely performance of Rileys around the "TT" course."

The event was reported in the press in the following terms - "The Duke of Edinburgh clearly enjoyed the experience waving to the crowds as he was driven around the course."



Full Marks

Mark 1 Brown, co-host with Susanna of our recent Barossa run, (see page 22 of the April/May edition) reports that his RM is now back on the road after the gearbox rebuild. See his photo on the right. He says that it jumps out of 4th a bit but he's happy.



Meanwhile, up there in the snow at Stirling Mark 2 Pullen's decided it's not good to look under your car. It means work. Last time he did that it meant a complete investigation and eventual replacement of model-incorrect shock mounts.

This time it was the ironwork that supports the front bumper. He found some gross intrusions and ugly welds.

Mark's photos show that he's fixed it all thanks to some used parts from Mark 3 Hayes our President, a/g Club Captain and Used Parts Manager.



From The Riley Cars Archive Heritage Trust (RCAHT)

Over the last 18-months the RCAHT have secured a 5-year lease on Unit 8 at the Coventry Canal Basin, St Nicholas Street, Coventry. CV1 4LY.

With Covid-19 restrictions beginning to be eased it is anticipated that Unit 8 will be open to the general public soon for at least 2-days per week.

A refurbishment programme is underway to make the RCAHT headquarters welcoming and informative.

Contracts have been signed to develop a new RCAHT dedicated website - rileycarsarchive.org - and its associated Archive database. The Archive material from the Riley Motor Club (RMC) is currently being digitised and the images uploaded into the database. Both the website and Archive will be live by the end of June 2021.

We will soon be in a position to accept further donations or loan of material to be digitised. If you have any material you would like to go into the Archive, please let us know.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Archive.

The RCAHT has recently bought a Riley Elf which will be used as part of the "Classic Car Loan Project"; this is all part of the educational remit of the Trust.

The Percy Riley Replica car was unveiled at Coventry's Transport museum in November 2019 followed by the NEC Classic Car show and the King Henry V111 school where "PR" was a pupil.

Please use our mailbox - enquiries@rileycarsarchive.org - for any communications, donations of Riley material, offers of help on the Archive or any feedback on the website and Archive. We look forward to hearing from you.

From the RCAHT team: communication written by Martin Collisson, mobile +44 (0)7768 327471.

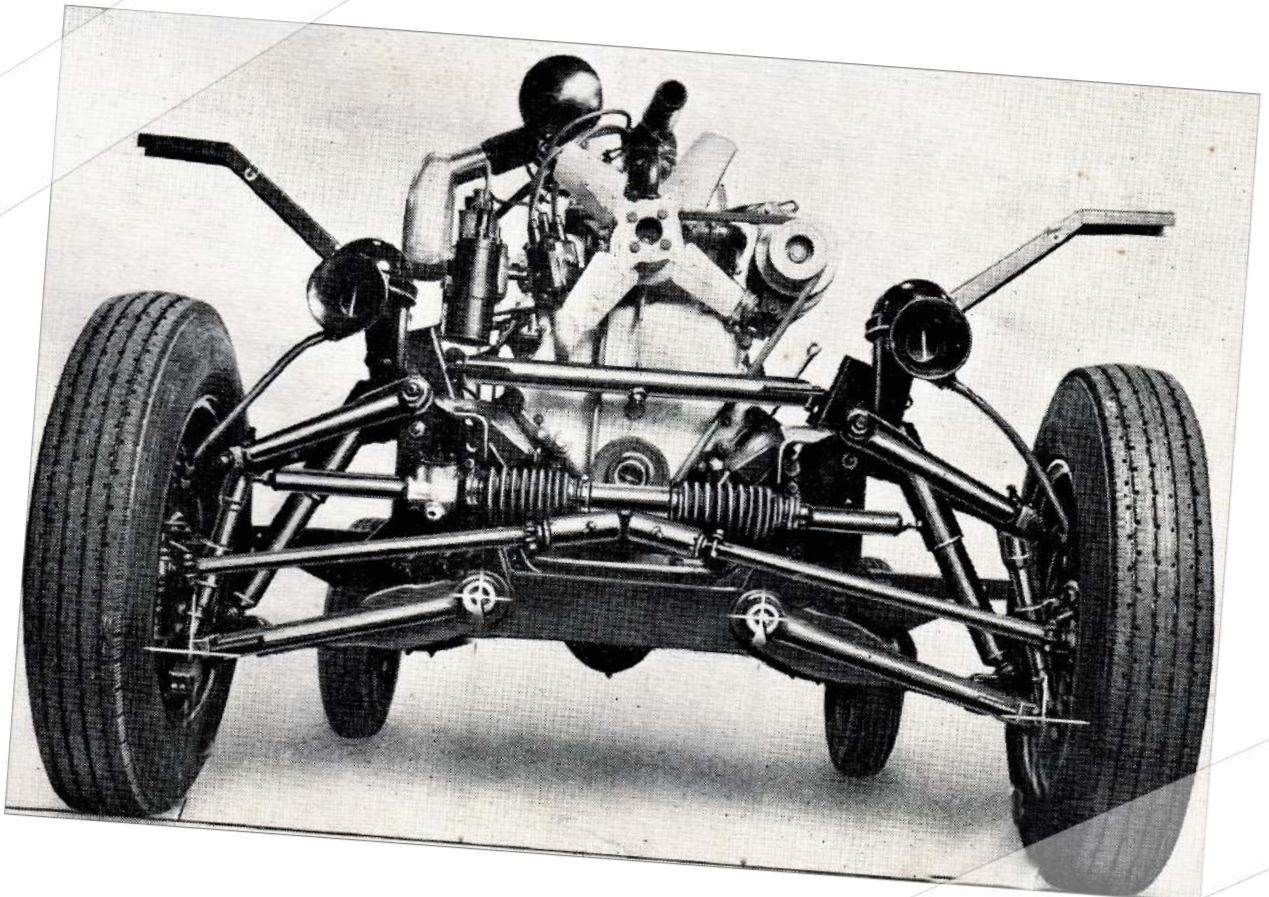
Thank you.

Regards;
Martin Collisson
RCAHT Comms and Publicity
CMS & Digitisation Project Lead

Another Gem gleaned from Gwyn's Notebook**

June 7 2021

Why not save most of your money and buy a string line for £1.50 and use 3 equal thickness blocks of wood set off the wheel rims front and back. It's easy, as the tracking on RM's is parallel.



**** Gwyn Morris is the Official Wales Correspondent for the e.Crank. His knowledge of the RM knows no bounds.**

Early Riley Registrations in South Australia

By Jon Chittleborough

SA pioneered motor registration in Australia and in 1908 *The Tourist's Road Guide* published the first list of car and motor bike owners with registration numbers.

The vehicles included dated back to 1901. Thereafter additional registrations were published in various newspapers and magazines. These scattered references are the only records surviving of early SA registrations as the Registrar of Motor Vehicles' records were destroyed by a fire in November 1924.

The late George Brooks spent more than twenty painstaking years hand copying and later photocopying various sources to assemble the 15744 registrations up to 1922. His handwritten and photocopied pages were later scanned and the optical recognition records have now been made available by the National Motor Museum.

There are some caveats in using these records. Firstly, owners could and did transfer their number to a different car and a new number might be issued. Hence some of the twenty Rileys listed may be the same car with a different registration number. Secondly, optical recognition can find handwritten and photocopied pages a challenge, so odd numerals and letters can be transcribed incorrectly.

I think you can safely ignore any numbers in columns 1 and 4. Ed.

SA Riley Registrations 1908-1922	Year	Plate	Make
P. W. E. Schmidt, Curramulka , 7.9 Riley	February 24 1919	2218	7.9 Riley
Douglas, Dr. ., Victor Harbour., 4i Riley	March 1908.	325	4i Riley
G. E. Cornelias, Alfred St., Parkside, 8 Riley	March 23 1920	5543	8 Riley
Gault, Dr.A.H., Mitcham., 6 Riley	1908	388	6 Riley
Mrs. S. A. Robertson, Miller Street, North Unley, 20.1 Riley	March 23 1920	5736	20.1 Riley
Fulton, D., Kent Town., 9/12 Riley	1908	528	9/12 Riley
J. E. P. Campion, Curramulka , 9 Riley cycle Car	1920	7579	9 Riley cycle Car
Colley, K.L., Mount Lofty., 9 Riley	1908	556	9 Riley
G. C. Phillips, Yorketown , 9 Riley cycle Car	1920	7880	9 Riley cycle Car
Trescowthick, C.H., Murray Bridge., 6/8 Riley	1910	1101	6/8 Riley
R. J. Conner, Vine Lane, Glen Osmond, Riley cycle car	1920	8204	10 Riley cycle car
Williams, A. G., Houghton., – Riley.	1912	2395	- Riley.
E. A. Haines, Mannum, 10 Riley	1921	9762	10 Riley
Sampson, Wm., c/o Forwood, Down, & Co., Adelaide, 9/12 Riley	September 1 1914	4872	9/12 Riley
J. & S. Hill, Goodwood, 9 Riley cycle car	1921	10021	9 Riley cycle car
Williams, L. C., Quorn, 10 Riley	March 1 1915	5306	10 Riley
H. F. A. Mund, Whitwarta, 7.5 Riley cycle car	1921	10152	7.5 Riley cycle car
Turner, R. M., Henley Beach Rd., Mile End , 9 Riley	January 1 1918	9646	9 Riley
Edward Chant, Toronto Street, Ovingham, 8 Riley	1921	11690	8 Riley
W. G. Lovelock, Kensington , 10 Riley	February 24 1919	2083	10 Riley

Pho-

Playing With Words

Wanted: a man has been stealing wheels of police cars

Police are working tirelessly to catch him



Slightly USED CARS

1970 Valiant Regal 770 Sedan .. \$2895	1969 Fairlane 500 V8 Sedan ... \$2995
1969 Monaro GTS 186 S ... \$2195	1969 Valiant V8 Regal Sedan ... \$2395
1969 Holden HT Kingswood Sedan \$2095	1968 Valiant Safari Waggon ... \$1795
1968 XT Fairmont V8 Sedan ... \$2495	1968 Holden Kingswood Waggon .. \$1795
1968 Fairlane 500 V8 Sedan ... \$2495	1967 Falcon 500 Sedan ... \$1595
1967 Morris 1100 Sedan ... \$1195	1966 Valiant Sedan ... \$1395
1966 Valiant Regal Sedan ... \$1395	1964 Falcon Futura Sedan ... \$995
1964 Valiant Auto. Sedan ... \$995	1964 Holden Premier ... \$1495
1964 Holden EH Auto. ... \$1095	1962 Dodge Phoenix ... \$995

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1967 Datsun Pick-up Ute. ... \$1195	1967 Holden HR Van ... \$1295
1964 Falcon Ute. ... \$200	

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Minutes of Meetings

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE RILEY MOTOR CLUB OF SA INCORPORATED HELD AT SUE MURPHY'S HOUSE FELIXTOW ON THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL 2021

Commencement

President Mark Hayes opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed everyone to Sue's home.

Present and Apologies

There were 16 members present. No visitors present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meetings held 25th February and 25th March received and adopted. Moved Leigh Johnson. Seconded Sue Murphy. Carried..

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

Ross advised that applications for membership of the Club had been received from Brian Jeffries and Andrew Porter. Resolved to accept both applications. Moved Mark Hayes and seconded Rob Revitt. Carried.
Discussion about the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs data base. Agreed that the Secretary update the Club's records with the Federation.

Correspondence.

Nil.

Treasurer's Report

Mark delivered a report on behalf of Barry. Cash receipts for the month of \$571.91. Payments totalled \$1,231.39. Balance at bank of \$10,271.81 plus Fixed Deposit of \$10,157.83 with a balance of \$755.69 in the spares account and stock at cost of \$14,452.74. Resolved that the report be accepted. Moved Mark. Seconded Sue. Carried..

Captain's Report

Mark delivered a report on :-

a. Broken Hill National Rally is being held 10th to 16th May. Entries close 1st April..

b. Christmas in July is on the 25th July. Lee Friedrichs advised that the run was now organised. It starts at 10.30am at the Burnside Shopping Centre and proceeds from there for a stop by the motor dealer at Verdun, just off the Hahndorf turn off. From there it progresses to the Birdwood Hotel for lunch. Cost is \$40.00 per person and needs to be paid by the 31st May.

d. September the 1st is Drive Your Historic Vehicle Day.

e. The Border Run with the Victorians to be held October 30th to November 2nd. Proposed to start on Saturday the 30th October and conclude on Monday night the 2nd October. At this point in time the idea is to get yourself to Bordertown on the Saturday although a convoy might be arranged. The Bordertown Restorers Club are helping with Ideas. Leigh Johnson offered to help. Further details to be supplied as arrangements firm up.

f. The 2023 National Rally to be held in Tasmania.

g. Bay to Birdwood is the 26th September.

Federation Report.

Chris reported that there are now 162 member clubs. Log book returns by some clubs still tardy. Consideration is being given to holding a Motorfest this year.
Chris also reported that the Federation's new website was

now up and running. Member clubs are encouraged to use it. Also, the new plastic log book covers have been produced and will be distributed to the clubs.

New Parts Report

No report.

Used Parts Report

No report.

Technical Questions or Tips

Nil.

Other Business

a. The issue of whether or not the Club would accept highly modified cars was raised. After general discussion it was agreed that this was an issue for the Committee to decide, should such an application ever be made.

b. The issue of the venue for future Club meetings was raised again. Noted that Mike Quinn was checking with Shannons its intentions. If Shannons is not to be available again then new premises are required. Suggestions are sought. One possibility is a Club Room on Port Road at Hindmarsh.

The Meeting Closed at 8.10pm. Next meeting is to be held on the 20th May 2021 at Sue Murphy's house 7.30pm

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE RILEY MOTOR CLUB OF SA INCORPORATED HELD AT SUE MURPHY'S HOUSE FELIXTOW ON THE 27th DAY OF May 2021

Commencement

President Mark Hayes opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed everyone to Sue's home. Mark then introduced and welcomed to the Club, new member Andrew Porter from Lyndoch who is the long-term owner of two RME's.

Present and Apologies

There were 15 members present. No visitors present. One Riley.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 22nd April held over until after they have been circulated in the Crank.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

President's Report

Mark reported on the recent National Rally at Broken Hill. Everyone got home safe.

Secretary's Report

Ross added some short comment on the Broken Hill Rally.

Correspondence.

Minutes received from the Federation. Mark also reported that he had a letter from Leigh advising that he was taking over management of the Club's new spare parts from Barry.

Treasurer's Report

Carried forward.

Captain's Report

Mark delivered a report on: -

a. Broken Hill National Rally. In the gymkhana the Club entered three female drivers who came equal third. They being Christine Hayes, Liz Pike and Bev Wilson. Christine Hayes returning the best score of any contestant. Bev Wilson and David Thompson won the award for the best

Minutes of Meetings continued

Riley 9 at the Rally and Ross the award for the best 2 ½ RM.
b. Christmas in July is on the 25th July. Members need to advise of their attendance if the wish to participate. The run starts at 10.30am at the Burnside Shopping Centre and proceeds from there for a stop by the motor dealer at Verdun, just off the Hahndorf turn off. From there it progresses to the Blumberg Hotel in Birdwood for lunch. Cost is \$40.00 per person and needs to be paid by the 30th June.
d. September the 1st is Drive Your Historic Vehicle Day.
e. The Border Run with the Victorians to be held October 30th to November 2nd. Proposed to start on Saturday the 30th October and conclude on Monday night the 2nd October. A flier will be available shortly.

Federation Report.

Chris reported that the next meeting of the Federation is to be held next month.

New Parts Report

See Item 7 above.

Used Parts Report

No report.

Technical Questions or Tips

Iain Robilliard raised a question about a modified 2 ½ litre axle. Ross to make enquiry and get back to Iain.

Other Business

a. Mark advised that Rob Revitt had enquired as to whether or not the Club would do a new merchandising run. Mark to talk to the organiser of this event.

b. Mark advised that Shannons had indicated that they would open their office again for meetings after the Covid risk has dissipated. Other potential venues discussed. Liz to enquire about a Church hall.

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Numbers that Fit Perfectly

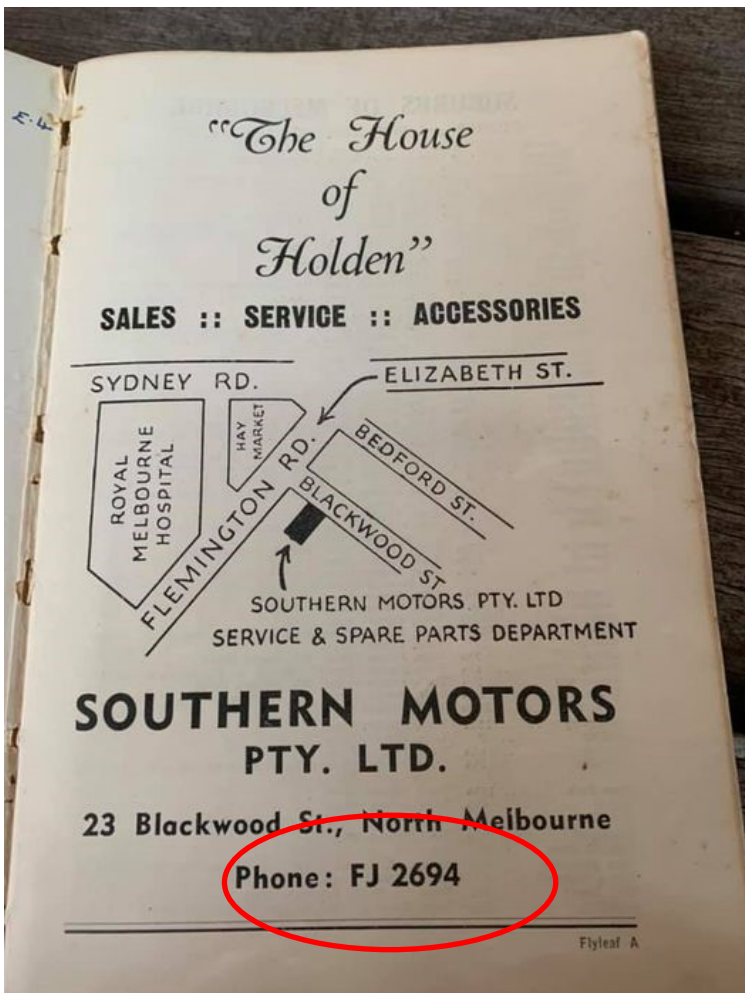


A post on the Classic British Cars in Australia Facebook page.

So I was lucky enough to find this beauty. I freighted it from the Gong to Tasmania and had to get it registered. It passed with flying colours and all I had to do is arrange the plates.

I drove past one Service Tasmania to my local one. I refused SI plates (can't handle a log book, there is no glove box and I'll get a special rego later). I am then firmly told "I can only give you the top plate, no selection, no choosing". Halfway back the lady stops, her whole attitude changes and with a big smile says, "You will not believe this!"

After showing her work mates, she presented me with my plates..... J is the current series followed by two random numbers and two random letters..... you'll never guess what I got for my 1969 MG Midget..... work out the odds on that!"



The Page



Compiled by Cherie Rype
and Mars Barr



Many of you would have had a VW in your life. Probably nothing like any of these.





Librarian's Report - May 2021

There are few new books in the library and one of them will be of particular interest to 'Wonder Car' enthusiasts, especially to those who are working on their own Riley '9' project.

Book No.NZ213 is a collection of the many articles written by Noel G. Wyatt for the Victorian Riley Club's *Blue Diamond* magazine. Both Noel and Lyn Wyatt served as editors for many years.

During his working life Noel was a much sort after auto manufacturing plant engineer and was responsible for installing Japanese plants in India as that country progressed from just making the famed Morris Oxford.

On retirement Noel became interested in the Riley '9' and restored many different models. His ability to sort out problems and write succinct articles with good drawings about his findings have been a great help to many 'Niners' over the years and until his death in 2015 he was one of go-to men for '9' information.

Victor Riley in offering his condolences to Lyn wrote: *"Anyone working on or restoring a "Nine" will have found Noel's articles tremendously useful, but they will endure as a testament reflecting his skill, knowledge and experience. He will be missed by all who knew him, but we shall remember him."*

The Librarian sought and received Lyn Wyatt's permission to reproduce material written by Noel and Lyn's supply of the original files made the assembly of this book so much easier and is much appreciated.

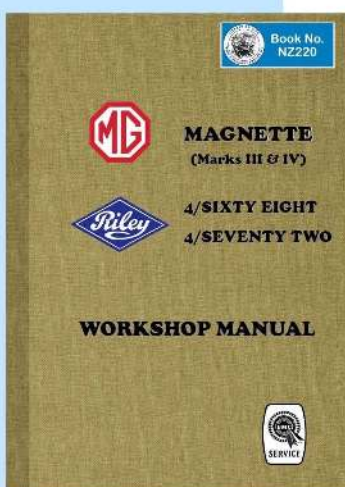
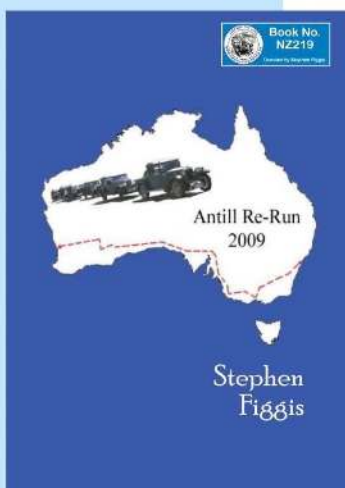
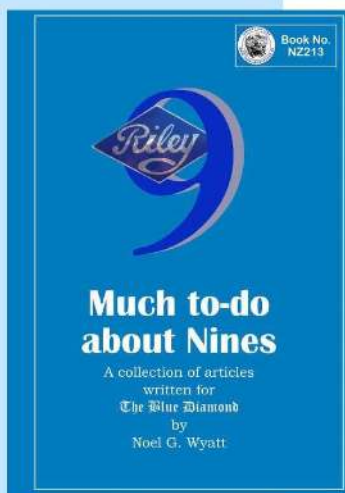
Book No.NZ219 is an account of the Antill re-run in 2009 commemorating Peter Antill's epic 1929 road trip across Australia in his trusty Riley Nine.

Written by Stephen Figgis who started his Riley adventures at an early age and participated with his '9' which was given to him by his father for passing his Intermediate Certificate. His car was the start of a continuing passion for classic cars and in this book Stephen provides in his inimitable style, an account of the 16 Riley Nines that completed this trip with their equally enthusiastic crews.

Book No.NZ220 is a 1962 BMC Workshop manual and an earlier version of the 1968 Book No.NZ102. A bit of an oddball as it combines the MG Magnette, stable mate to the Rileys 4/68 & 72. There seems to be little difference between the marques apart from badges, front grill and dashboard. Some helpful detail on soldering up body damage is included!

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The library is [here](#)



Quorn 2008. During a Riley long weekend away to Melrose, Jeanette Kilgour's Drophead and steam locomotive W22 "Justin Hancock"

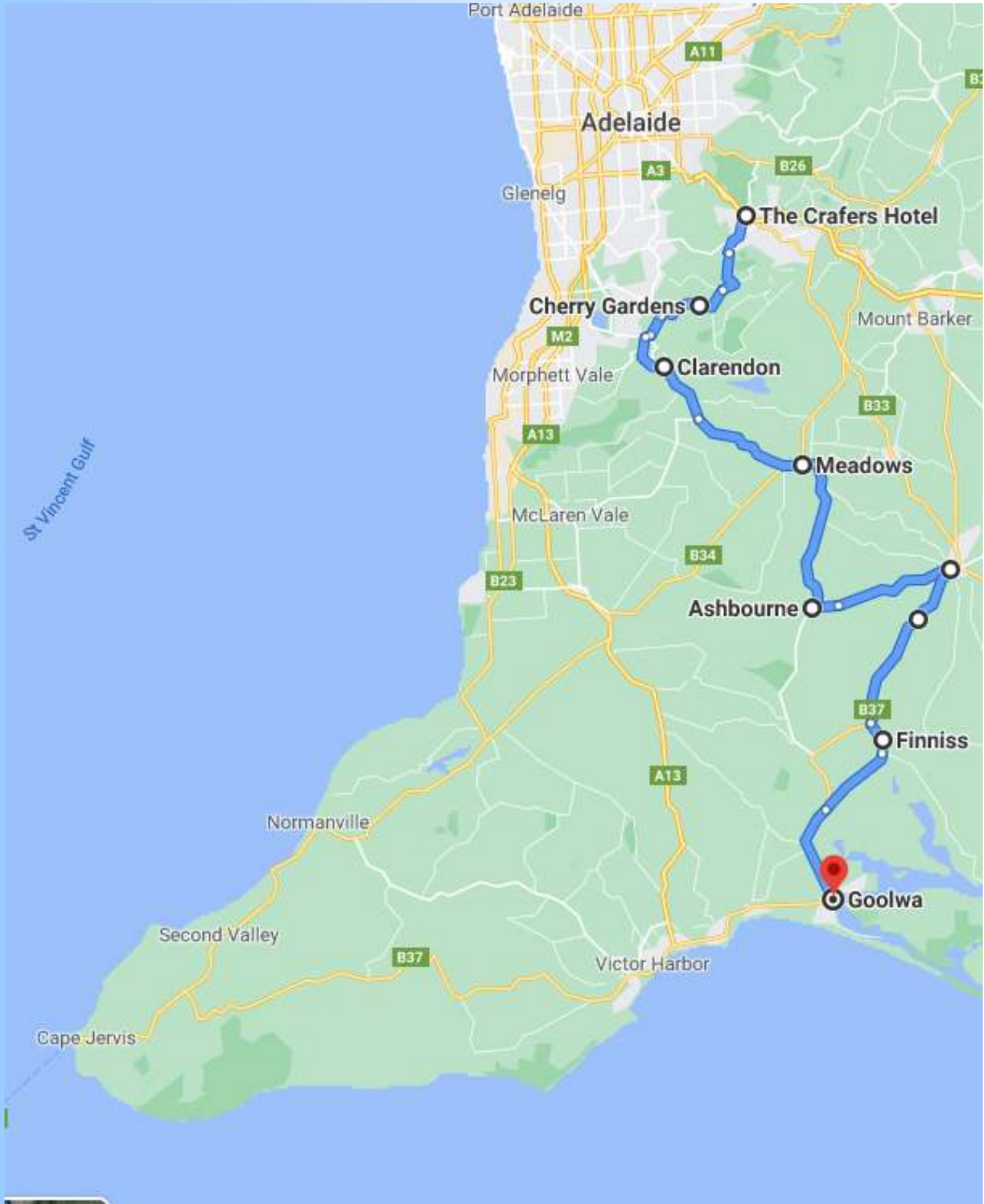
Photo by Jeanette



Touring Tasmania 2005. The National Rally. The colour of this lovely RMB blended just beautifully with the colours of Tasmania. It was a WA car and it's now in Queensland. The 2022 National Rally will be in WA. See page 4.

Photo by Leigh Johnson

The June Runn to Goolwa. See page 2.





Origin unknown



Wangaratta, 1950s

The Riley Motor Club of South Australia is one of six Riley clubs in Australia. There are other Riley clubs in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, the ACT and Western Australia. We have around 100 members across South Australia with Rileys spanning the 1920s to the 1960s.

We meet monthly (but not in January) on the Fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Shannons 863-865 South Road, Clarence Gardens. And every month we take our Rileys out for a run somewhere. Classic cars were made for cruising.

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