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'More members and more cars on more runs, more often'



The spectacular lineup for the August run to the Dandenong Ranges.

Check out our forthcoming runs, something for everyone.

Make sure you book early for our fabulous Show and Shine Christmas party on 5 December! See details on pages 10 and 14.

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Cover image: Aerial view of the Dandenong Ranges run lineup, August 2026. Image: Michael Burton.

President's report, September 2026

Dear members

As the warm weather approaches, take this opportunity to get your classic car out of the shed or garage, take off the covers and blow out the cobwebs.

The club has some exciting runs planned in the coming months and now is your chance to get your car ready for the likes of our breakfast run to Dandenong or our Christmas party in December.

I personally look forward to taking advantage of the nice weather and hitting the open road.

From a committee perspective, it is business as usual as the club's leadership team continues to look at ways to meet the needs of members, new and existing.

One such aspect is the expanded merchandise store, a key request by members during the 2026 Members' Survey. The club has invested in new umbrellas and keyrings, among many other bits and bobs.

Even though the dry weather is ahead of us, having an umbrella in the boot of the car is a sensible idea. Merchandise requests can be made through our Merchandise Officer, Rod Kirby, whose number can be found towards the back of this *Wobble Knockers*.

I'm pleased to report strong attendances on recent runs, including the Dandenong Ranges run and buffet lunch, organised by Peter Nodzio, and the Yarra Valley run organised by Andrew Ratcliffe. Thanks to these two members, their partners, the committee and those who took part in the runs to make them a great success. Details about future runs can be found in this newsletter, while run reports on these runs can also be found in this edition.

Quotable quote

"A gentleman does not motor after dark." - Joseph Lucas, poking fun at notoriously unreliable vintage British electrical systems.

See you on the road!

Bryce Eishold
President
BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc.



Welcome our new members, Paul and Grace Coleiro

Paul gives an introduction to his and Grace's life with British classics ...

I first got into English cars when I left my job as a motor mechanic around 1993.

I purchased a partly restored Morris Minor which I completed and drove the family around in for many years before selling it to my neighbour.

The second car I bought was a 1969 Austin 1800 auto, which I repaired, and it gave me many years of happy driving. During this time I joined the Austin A40 club and am still a member.

Unfortunately, this car was struck by another vehicle resulting in its sale to Jolly's Wreckers.

The club is a very good source of spare parts, and I still have two spare 1800s in the back yard.

Around this time, I bought a 1967 Jaguar 420g which I still have on club plates and have had for about 14 years. It's always an adventure when I decide to take it on a trip, being a Jag.

In the previous year, on separate occasions, I've had to change the valve stem seals on all wheels, reinstall a wiring connector at the back of the alternator, and recondition the water pump. I was lucky enough to find the water pump parts at Auto Surplus.

We look forward to seeing you both with your Jag at a club run soon, Paul and Grace.

Just for fun

In response to Paul's introduction to his cars, here is another photo from the Editor's January/February trip to the Shaky Isles. Spotted in a Nelson classic car yard. Everybody loves a Landcrab!



AOMC 50 years of service

Our AOMC delegate Paul Buck reports ...

On the 16th of August as our club delegate I was invited to attend the Association of Motoring Clubs' 50th anniversary lunch. Presidents and club delegates of all motoring clubs were invited.

As it was a formal dress code, it was time to get the suit out of the wardrobe. Will it still fit after so many years? Well, just.



As Eastlink was closed for the weekend, I had to travel to the top of Springvale Rd. On to Reynolds Rd and then Thompson Rd, and after navigating many road bollards due to construction works, I found the entrance to the venue: The Manningham Club.

Upon arrival I was welcomed, given my name tag and a commemorative medallion and table number. There were around 100 guests, nobody I knew, except our vice president, Francis Borg and partner Norma May.

After a few speeches, a two-course lunch was served. Then more speeches and presentations. Francis was an award recipient for his service to the AOMC over many years, see photo. Congratulations!

Formalities over, it was time to head home the long way.

A well-presented event.

From the AOMC Bulletin report on this event: "Delegates were encouraged to circulate the AOMC's 50th anniversary booklet within their clubs, highlighting the organisation's longstanding contribution to Victorian motoring enthusiasts and its advocacy with government agencies. The AOMC remains in a strong financial and organisational position, with a continued focus on protecting and improving the Club Plate Scheme, supporting member clubs, advocating on emerging motoring issues, and adapting to significant changes affecting the historic vehicle movement."

If you would like the AOMC Bulletin sent to you by email, please contact the Editor at kathy.hope@bigpond.com

BMC-LEYLAND CAR CLUB INC.

The ROAD RUNNER!

Hi all

Well, we finished off a gloomy winter with a lovely drive through the Dandenongs that finished in Pakenham for what was promised as a spectacular buffet lunch and we weren't disappointed. Thanks to Peter and Terry for leading us through some lovely back roads to our resting spot, including a morning coffee stop at Olinda that allowed everyone to refresh and wander the main street and do some fossicking in the interesting stores, anyone for a hat?!

Finally, we could see some vistas of the Dandenongs after the Battle of Waterloo wash-out in June – sorry you missed it Paul Buck with your breakdown before the 'pretty bits'! We had 25 cars and 43 people attending, that was a huge turnout for a winter run, well done Peter Nodzio, the much-vaunted buffet was maybe your secret ace ingredient!

For those unfortunate enough to be behind me in the MGB GT heading downhill to Pakenham and subjected to plumes of acrid smoke – cause was a starter motor that hadn't disengaged and essentially burnt itself out – all good now.

What a cracker start to spring motoring we had with Andrew and Rachael Ratcliffe's Yarra Valley run. Another great turnout with 36 people and 20 cars leading through Yarra Glen for morning tea and then via the backroads for a pleasant lunch at the Royal Mail Hotel, a perfect day weather wise and some very interesting roads that I hadn't travelled before. I could sense some relief, however, as we were overtaken on the bends by up to 60 motorcycles who fortunately stopped ahead at the Flowerdale Hotel for their lunch rather than continuing to the Royal Mail.

Andrew's grandfather farmed at Murrindindi, so we returned in convoy back through that area on our way home. A very smoothly organised and executed run ... we even had our own personalised Route Planners handed out by Rachel at the briefing, that was certainly going beyond!

Looking forward, we have some great events planned. I would just like to highlight though that by the time you receive your next *Wobble Knocker* magazine that will be DECEMBER – by that time the Marysville Three-Day Run, MG Garage Tour, Rob's British Breakfast and the Narre Warren Picnic AND THE CLOSE OFF Date for XMAS Party BOOKINGS will all be OVER, DONE and DUSTED! So please have a look at all these events in the Run Details and if you would like to attend, please register your interest soon, particularly the case as they will all need confirmed numbers due to the fact some are in private establishments (MG Workshops and Jo's Sisters) or commercial venues (Marysville and Sandown Park Hotel). It would be of great help to the relevant organisers to know who is coming along and for catering purposes.

I would also like to draw your attention to some future runs:

- Anyone interested in the Gippsland Event Cup Weekend contact Christine Johnson please before **15 October** (details in flyer).
- Vincent Stok has managed to gain club access to the renowned MG Workshops in Mulgrave on **Saturday 7 November** – this is a new, additional event not previously advertised so check out the Run Details.
- You will notice the Run Calendar is now expanded to include our outline activities for 2027, yes, it's getting that close! While some of the events may be subject to change you at least will have a view of what is currently being planned and when. Big thank you to all those who have volunteered to help lead runs next year, some new like Samantha Ellis, Tim Coronel and Vincent Borg and other regulars like the Smiths, Burtons, Sawyers, Simpsons, Nodzios and the perennial Paul Buck!
- Of note is a May run planned by Tim Coronel and ably assisted by Kathy Hope that will venture into the North and Western areas of Melbourne, something for our members in those areas to get engaged with. This will be held in conjunction with the Daimler Lanchester Club Vic (DLCV) so bound to be some new and different vehicles for you to spot on the day.

Enjoy our planned spring events, the always fabulous Xmas lunch and have a good squizz at our 2027 activities. Now thar Daylight Saving has started there's lots more daylight to enjoy your classic and the warmer weather.

See you again in December.

Alec Robinson – Run Coordinator



This is a 1960s Daimler V8 250 at the Nelson Classic Car Museum in NZ ... with Jaguar stablemates in the background.

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UPCOMING RUN DETAILS



WED-FRI – 28-30 OCTOBER: MARYSVILLE MEANDER

Rendezvous: Wednesday 10.00AM depart from the Doncaster Hockey Ground carpark, (corner Springvale and Reynolds Roads.)

The Trip: Another much anticipated multi-day club experience! Too much detail to mention here so see flyer in this edition with all the details on how to book accommodation etc at great rates. Five extra self-contained cabins now obtained so book now or miss out!

Some of the highlights will include lunch at Yea on the first day, some lovely scenery followed by our arrival in Marysville mid-afternoon in time to freshen up for the welcome dinner at the gorgeous local Marysville Golf Club.

Other treats are a visit to Taggerty General Store for morning tea, looking in on a Goulburn River fish farm, lunch at the Eildon Hotel on the lake and an evening meal at the renowned Duck Inn Hotel.

The return trip takes in Stephenson's Falls and the famous Black Spur drive to Healesville – all in time to return home for Derby Day on the Saturday. This tour has been well curated using the specialised knowledge of Richard and Carole Simpson who have a property in the Taggerty area – if you haven't visited this area before it will be full of local highlights.

PLEASE READ THE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE AND CONTACT RICHARD SIMPSON ON 0419 528 130 IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER DETAILS.

SATURDAY – 7 NOVEMBER: MG WORKSHOPS VISIT

Rendezvous: Meet at MG WORKSHOPS 7 Rosemary Ct, Mulgrave Victoria 3170, (located in the triangle between Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads and Monash FWY M1.)

Please arrive by 10.30AM – we have until 12.30PM (departure time).

The Visit: A rare opportunity to have a look around inside the workings at the impressive and famous MG Workshops facility at Mulgrave. This is a family owned-business run by Andrew McDowell and has been operating in Melbourne for over 55 years! That's 36 years in North Rd East Bentleigh, 16 years at 10 Pickering Rd Mulgrave and since 2023 at 7 Rosemary Court, Mulgrave.

Andrew has kindly agreed to open his workshop to BMC-L members, provide an informative introduction to his facilities and view his current stable of classic cars under restoration and repair. Plenty of time to look over the workshop and get some invaluable

advice from Andrew himself and understand the services offered as well as their comprehensive spare parts catalogue – not just for MG owners, they deal with plenty of other classics as well! Partners welcome. Complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits provided.



PLEASE CONTACT VINCE STOK
BY 5 NOVEMBER ON 0411 416
912 WITH NAMES and MOBILE
No. TO HELP CO-ORD THE DAY
OR IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER
DETAILS.

*Here are some photos of
the MG Workshops to whet
your appetite ...*



*A very tasty selection of classic
British tin ...*

SATURDAY – 14 NOVEMBER: ROB’S BRITISH BUTCHER BREKKY RUN

Rendezvous: Meet between 8.30-9.00 AM in front of Rob’s British Butcher Shop, Service Road at 177 Lonsdale Street (Princes Highway) in Dandenong, just 50 metres north of intersection with Fosters Street on western side ... lots of parking but bring gold coins for the meters.

The Trip: Come hungry and bring your fold up chairs as we take over the undercover outdoor footpath area and you may also need these later for the run. Our hosts Rob and Jill are looking forward to seeing the lineup of British cars and will reward us with a discounted and generous line-up of their own British ‘gourmet’ brekky fare, including free tea and coffee.

After breakfast it’s planned for a run up near Cardinia Dam and then onto a property at Narre Warren East where you can either have a BYO picnic lunch or why not buy some snags from Rob for a BBQ – your choice. The venue is owned by Jo’s sister and has access to toilets, tables and plenty of parking, a bush setting teeming with wildlife and tracks if you feel like a stroll around the dams. If it rains, we can use the indoor areas of the home – so all avenues covered on this one! Thanks Jo and sister for their generous offer.

PLEASE CONTACT JO HAWKESWORTH BY 10 NOVEMBER ON 0490 875 905 WITH NAMES OF ATTENDEES TO HELP WITH CATERING OR IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER DETAILS.

SATURDAY – 5 DECEMBER: BMC-L CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH and SHOW and SHINE

Rendezvous: 11 AM meet in carpark of the SANDOWN PARK HOTEL (Corner of Princes HWY and Corrigan Rd, NOBLE PARK) for the Annual Club SHOW ‘n’ SHINE. Enter from the Princes Highway to meet up with fellow members and view the array of vehicles on display.

The Day: Following the Show ‘n’ Shine, assemble in our private room for a two-course Xmas buffet lunch subsidised by the club. Complimentary tea and coffee and stronger drinks at bar prices. Expect great food and a fun day to end the year on a festive note, awards and raffle prizes galore! **NOT TO BE MISSED. Bargain at \$35/Head!**

Please advise Cheryl of any food allergies when booking.

REGISTRATION DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER (but preferably before) FOR HOTEL CATERING PURPOSES! Only registered attendees will be accepted by the hotel on the day.

PLEASE PHONE OR TEXT THE NAME OF EACH PRE-PAID PARTICIPANT TO CHERYL SAWYER MOB 0400 252 431 (SEE FLYER ON PAGE 13 FOR PAYMENT DETAILS)

BMC LEYLAND CAR CLUB RUN CALENDAR



2027 ...pop them in ya diary *now!*

LONGER RANGE PRELIMINARY EVENT OUTLINES (subject to change)

JAN – Fri 1st NEW YEARS DAY FLINDERS PICNIC – Kay and Rick Smith

FEB – Sun 14th Yarra Glen AOMC British & European Show Picnic – Paul Buck

MAR – Sun 14th South Gippsland Run – Michael and Jo Burton

APR – Sun 4th Dandenongs Run and BBQ – Samantha Ellis and Peter Nodzio

MAY – Sun 16th North-West Combined Run with DLCV Club – Tim Coronel and Kathy Hope

JUN – Sun 20th BATTLE OF WATERLOO – Paul Buck

JUL – Sun 11th MG Car Museum Geelong – Francis Borg

AUG – Sat 14th AGM Sandown Park Hotel – Cheryl and Terry Sawyer

SEP – TBA Peninsula Tour and Winery Lunch – Kay Smith and Alec Robinson

OCT – TBA Date and venue – MULTI-DAY RUN – Richard and Carole Simpson

NOV – TBA South Eastern Run – Kel and Jo Hawkesworth

DEC – Sat 4th Dec XMAS PARTY, Show & Shine Sandown Park – Cheryl and Terry Sawyer

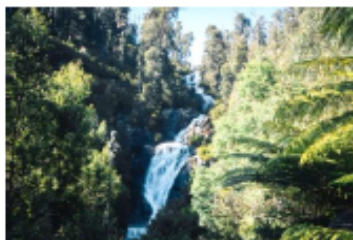
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BMC LEYLAND CAR CLUB INC 3 DAY / 2 NIGHT SPRING RUN

"MARYSVILLE MEANDER"

OCTOBER 28TH – 30TH, 2026

BOOK "NOW" TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN ...!!!



WE'RE OFF TO EXPLORE MARYSVILLE AND THE GOULBURN VALLEY!

The club's annual Spring mid-week "3 day / 2 night" trip away (Wed to Fri) this year is heading northeast to Marysville and the Goulburn Valley. Towering eucalypts, fern gullies, Lake Eildon and more...

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE The Club has struck a discounted "FIXED PRICE" deal for two nights accommodation at the gorgeous Marysville Holiday Park at just \$300 for two people for the 2 nights. Each fully self-contained cabin has separate bedroom, bathroom, lounge and kitchenette.. Parking at rear opening onto garden with campfire circle, picnic tables and our own babbling brook...
TO BOOK PHONE MARYSVILLE HOLIDAY PARK ON 5963.3247 AND QUOTE "BMCC LEYLAND CAR CLUB" TO MAKE A BOOKING AT THIS DISCOUNTED PRICE.

Excellent safe on-site parking. Walking distance to supermarket, cafes, bakery and the pub... Bring your own brekky supplies as each room has all you need... **We have exclusive use of a section of the holiday park to make things just that bit special. 15 cabins have been reserved in the club's name, so book early to avoid disappointment!**

THE RUN PLAN....

Wednesday morning meet at 10am at the Doncaster Hockey Grounds carpark (Corner: Springvale & Reynolds Roads) from where we head out on scenic country roads via Yarra Glen for coffee, then over the Great Divide on the Melba Hwy for lunch in Yea! We will cruise through Murrindindi Shire arriving in beautiful Marysville around 3-4pm to check-in with free time before our "Welcome Dinner" at "The Pavilion" in the gorgeous Marysville Golf Course ...

Thursday is a run to the amazing Taggerty General Store for morning coffee & cake, then onto a fish farm along the Goulburn and over the Weir wall before arriving for lunch at the Eildon Hotel overlooking the Lake! Returning via Skyline Road through Alexandra tonight's dinner is at "The Duck Inn" hotel in Marysville, finishing with a bevvv 'round the campfire!

Friday – after brekky its local sights - Keppel's Lookout, Stevensons Falls and Bruno's Sculpture park before lunch at The Bakery, and then a drive over the Black Spur to Healesville, heading homeward before peak hour!

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

*** LIMITED SPACES SO BOOK NOW!!!**

**INITIALLY REGISTER NAMES BY TEXT
TO RICHARD SIMPSON 0419.528.130**

Member **Christine Johnson** provided this flyer. She says, if any BMCL members are interested, she can provide them with tickets when available or any other details/info required: **0428 380 744**.



GATEWAY TO GIPPSLAND PROGRAM 2026

DAY 1 – Friday 30th October 2026

Registration at Club Rooms – Distribution of Rally Packs

4pm to 7pm (Tea/coffee/nibbles)

DAY 2 – Saturday 31st October 2026

Completion of Registration at Club Rooms – Distribution of Rally Packs

8am to 9am (Tea/coffee/nibbles)

8am-8.45am Breakfast at Clubrooms

9.30am Official Opening of the Rally by Hon Wayne Farnham, MP and Rally Instructions by Ian Troughton

Drive to Coal Creek Historic Park, Korumburra

12pm Picnic Lunch (Rolls/Sandwiches/Cold Drinks)

2pm Scenic Drive through Bena, Leongatha, Mardan, Mirboo North, Thorpdale, Narracan & back to Club Rooms – Afternoon tea during the trip (to be determined by weather outlook)

6pm Meet & Greet Dinner at Warragul Bowling Club – Pasta Night

DAY 3 – Sunday 1st November 2026

8am-8.45am Breakfast at Clubrooms

9.00am Travel from Clubrooms to Model Railway Club at Moe

10.30am Split into two Groups for drive to either the Old Brown Coal Museum at Yallourn North or PowerWorks at Morwell

12.30pm Lunch at the Top Pub in Morwell

2.00pm Groups go to other destination not visited in the morning

Travel back to Warragul individually when finished

6pm Pizza & Trivia Night at Warragul Bowling Club – including Supper

DAY 4 - 2nd November 2026

8am-8.45am Breakfast at Clubrooms

9am Show & Shine – Morning Tea & Barbeque Lunch provided

1pm Split into two Groups for drive to either Bob & Carol Hanson's or Jim & Carol Parry's. Afternoon tea at each venue

3pm Travel to other venue – when finished make own way back to Club Rooms

6pm Presentation Dinner at Warragul Bowling Club

9pm Band "Side Tracked" including Tony Desira at Club Rooms – Supper

DAY 5 - 3rd November 2026

8am-10am Breakfast at Club Rooms – Thanks to all who attended & volunteers

**Entry fee per Car \$50 & per Motorbike \$25
Plus Total Cost per person for events \$160**

Xmas is getting mighty close!

Our **Show 'n' Shine Christmas** Function will be held
on **Saturday 5 December**

Sandown Park Hotel

Corrigan Road

Noble Park 3174

11.00am

Buffet Lunch - the club is subsidising

Cost \$35.00 per Head

Club member of year announced

Prizes for Best Show Cars

Door Prizes

**Payment MUST be received two weeks
prior to the event - **by 20 November.****

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|Cheryl Sawyer 0400 252 431 For numbers and dietary needs

**Please note: Payment and attendance cannot be
accepted on the day of the event.**

Run report: August run to the Dandenong Ranges

Peter Nodzio reports ...

Route: Rowville-> Olinda-> Pakenham

Attendance: 45 members and guests; 26 classic vehicles

Despite a gloomy forecast threatening rain across the region, the BMC-Leyland Car Club turned out in force for our August club run on Sunday 9 August. A total of 45 eager members and guests in 26 classic cars gathered for a spectacular day out cruising through the scenic Dandenong Ranges. Fortunately, the weather gods were on our side, and the rain held off almost completely. We had just enough rain to see if our wipers were still working.

Look at that lineup below, all colour and movement! That's Cliff Pritchard with his yellow Moke.



He'll never lose that in the car park ...

The Journey and Highlights

Rowville to Olinda: Our convoy set off from Rowville, winding our way up the iconic Mount Dandenong Tourist Road. The drive featured crisp mountain air, magnificent sweeping turns, and lush, dense forest foliage flanking the road - providing the perfect backdrop for our classic machinery.

Morning coffee in Olinda: Upon reaching Olinda, we pulled over for a well-earned pit stop. Members thoroughly enjoyed some fantastic barista-made coffee while admiring the lovely township, the shops and catching up.



A magnificent aerial shot by Michael Burton, taken by drone.

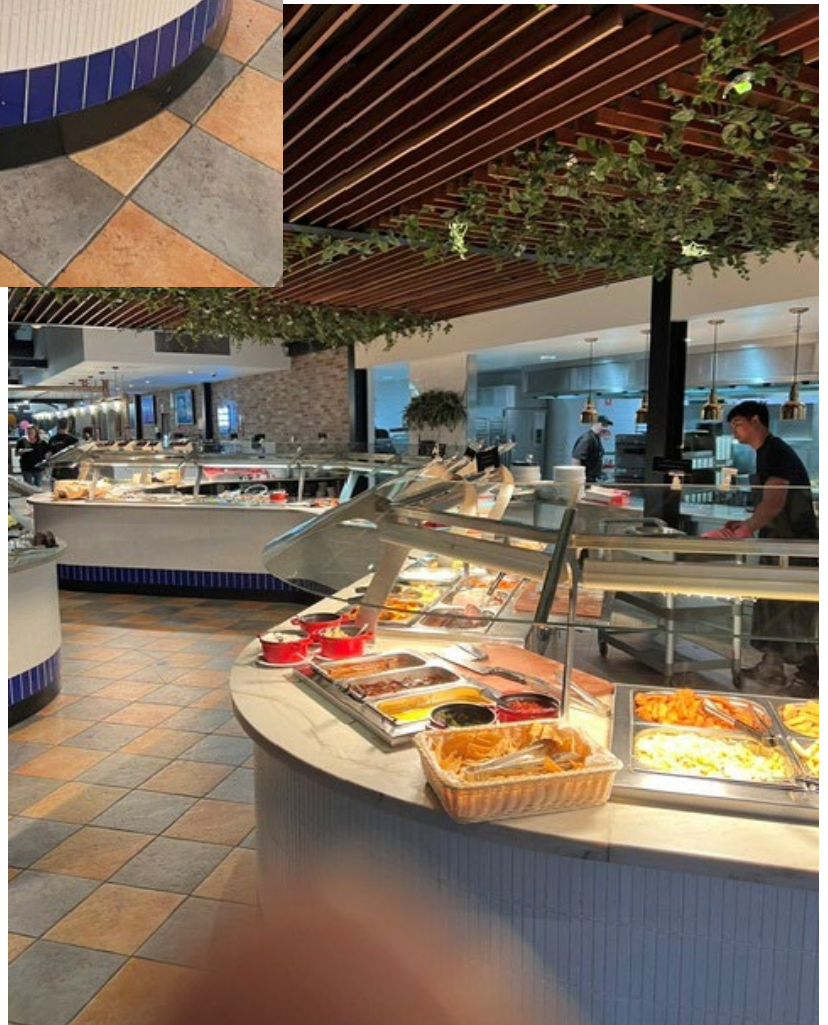




Cruising to Pakenham: Re-energized, we meandered along the winding back roads toward Pakenham, taking in another pleasant stretch of tarmac and serene countryside views.

Grand Buffet Lunch: In Pakenham, we gathered for what was arguably the best buffet spread imaginable. The feast catered to every taste and left everyone thoroughly satisfied.

Everything looks superb!





Wrapping Up

With full bellies and great memories made, everyone prepared for the journey home at around 2:30 PM, bringing a fantastic day out to a close.

A big thank you to everyone who brought out their pride and joy and contributed to making it such a wonderful turnout. We look forward to seeing you all at the next club event!

But wait. Oh noooo ... Paul Buck fuel pump!!!! Rod Kirby radiator hose!!!! Alec Robinson starter motor!!!!

See The Breakdown Club for more details ...

Attendees	Vehicles
Peter Nodzio	Mini Clubman
Andrew and Rachel Ratcliffe	MGB
Paul Buck	Mini 850
Terry and Cheryl Sawyer	modern
Michael and Jo Burton	Rover P4
Steve and Pam Garret	MK3 Austin Healey Sprite
Rees Williams	MGB L
Alec and Sue Robinson	MGB GT
David and Annette Neish	MGF
Kay and Rick Smith	MGB
Derek Jones and friend	Mini
Rod Kirby	Mini Van
Ron and Pat Sinclair	modern
Vince and Marion Stok	modern
Francis Borg and Norma May	modern
Josh and Sophie Mann	Morris Minor
Cliff Pritchard	Moke
Bob Strode	MGB
Glenn Sanderson	modern
Patrick and Sandra Farrell	modern
Tim Cortese	Morris Major
Paul and Lisa Maas	modern
Andrew Edwards and Sophanna Phing	MGB
Gary and Jan Davies	Morris Six
Jo and Kel Hawkesworth	modern

Run report: September run to the Yarra Valley

Andrew and Rachel Ratcliffe report ...

☀️ Sunny Skies and Classic Chrome: Our September Club Drive!

What a spectacular day for a cruise! The weather gods truly smiled on the British Leyland Car Club for our Sunday 13 September run, providing a picture-perfect, sun-drenched morning. The gleaming paintwork and polished chrome of our classic fleet looked absolutely magnificent under the bright blue skies as members gathered for a classic three-stage touring itinerary.

Leading the pack today were **Andrew and Rachel in their iconic 1977 MGB**, setting a wonderful pace for an unforgettable day on some of Victoria's best driving roads.



📖 Stage 1: Cruising through the Valley to Yarra Glen



The day kicked off at 9:00 AM sharp as the engines roared to life at Mullum Mullum Reserve. With a massive turnout of beautiful cars, the route took us on a gorgeous ribbon of tarmac through the rolling hills:

- We exited the reserve onto a sunlit Reynolds Road, quickly transitioning down Tindals Road and winding along Harris Gully Road. The convoy turned heads as we cruised down Yarra Street through Warrandyte, with the morning sun filtering beautifully through the roadside trees.

- Crossing the bridge, we tackled the sweeping bends of Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road (State Route 9) before opening up the throttles along the scenic stretch of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road (C726).
 - Finally, we swept into Yarra Glen via Yarra View Road, turning into Anzac Avenue to park our pride and joys.
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Morning Tea at McKenzie Reserve

Arriving at Yarra Glen's McKenzie Reserve, members stretched their legs and took advantage of the local cafés and bakeries along the main strip for a well-deserved caffeine hit and a bite to eat. It was the perfect opportunity to catch up, chat about our cars, and admire the immaculate lineup under the spring sun.

By 10:30 AM, with coffee cups cleared and engines warm, everyone was back in their driver's seats, buckled up, and ready to tackle Stage 2 toward Yea!

Stage 2: The Run to Yea – Valleys, Sweeping Bends, and High Country Hills

At 10:30 AM sharp, the rumble of British steel echoed through Yarra Glen as we cleared McKenzie Reserve and set off for Stage 2. With the sun climbing higher and the temperature absolute perfection for top-down driving, our convoy headed deep into some of the most spectacular driving country Victoria has to offer.

This leg was a driver's dream, treating us to long highway stretches, tight mountain twisties, and stunning panoramic views:

- We cruised down Anzac Avenue and made a quick left onto the Melba Highway (C726), letting the engines warm up on the 2.5 km run out of town.
 - At the roundabout, we took the first exit onto the Melba Highway (B300), pointing our grilles toward Yea for a beautiful, sun-drenched 14 km stretch.
 - Turning left onto the Healesville-Kinglake Road (C724), the drive climbed into the hills. The canopy of trees provided a spectacular dappled sunlight effect across our bonnets as we tackled 9 km of winding asphalt up to the next roundabout.
 - Taking the second exit to stay on the C724, we enjoyed another 12 km of fantastic sweeping bends until the road met its end.
 - From there, a right turn put us onto the Whittlesea-Yea Road (C725). This magnificent 45 km stretch gave everyone a chance to fully stretch their car's legs, cruising through vibrant green pastures and beautiful countryside under wide blue skies.
 - Reaching the end of the road, a final right turn onto the Yea Town Centre (B340) brought our impressive line of classics right down the main street.
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Lunch Stop: The Royal Mail Hotel, Yea



We headed inside the historic pub for a well-deserved feast, with our large club booking reserved under Andrew's name. The cold drinks and fantastic pub lunches were the perfect fuel after a brilliant morning behind the wheel. Between courses, plenty of members wandered next door to the local store to browse an incredible selection of regional wines and ciders—with more than a few bottles safely tucked away in boots for later!

That's a most convivial gathering.

Ready for the Final Stanza

With lunch finished and stories exchanged, it's almost time to head back.

Stage 3: The Final Leg – Through the Murrindindi Forests and Back to the Valley

At 2:00 PM, engines fired up once more along the Yea main street for our third and final leg of the day. This stage promised a scenic, winding trek through the lush timber country of Murrindindi before looping back down into the Yarra Valley.

Once regrouped, the real driving began:

- We cruised down the highway for 8.5 km before making a left turn onto Murrindindi Road, instantly trading the open highway for beautiful, tree-lined country lanes.
- The route kept our navigators on their toes with a series of turns to stay on track—first a right after 12.6 km, followed by another right 2.2 km later to keep tracking along Murrindindi Road for a final 8.6 km stretch. The cars handled the shaded, winding tarmac beautifully, with the afternoon sun piercing through the forest canopy.
- Reaching the end of the forest road, we turned left back onto the Melba Highway (B300) for a smooth, uninterrupted 33 km cruise back south.

- Approaching Yarra Glen, we sailed straight through the first roundabout, keeping on the Melba Highway for another 1.3 km.
- At the next roundabout, a right turn followed by a quick left at the subsequent roundabout brought us right to our final gates. We turned left into the Yarra Glen Recreation Reserve, following the internal road right down to the football oval.

🍷 A Perfect Finish to a Brilliant Day

By 3:15 PM, the convoy was safely parked up on the grass by the oval. It was the perfect spot to reflect on a flawless day of classic touring. Not a single breakdown, gorgeous sunny weather, and some of the best driving roads the state has to offer.

Attendees	Vehicles
Andrew and Rachel Ratcliffe	MGB
Paul Buck	Mini 850
Terry and Cheryl Sawyer	modern
Michael and Jo Burton	modern
Steve and Pam Garret	MK3 Austin Healey Sprite
Rees Williams	MGB L
Alec and Sue Robinson	MGB GT
Steve and Lynette Curtis	MGF
Kay and Rick Smith	MG
Peter and Terry Nodzio	Mini Clubman
Rod Kirby and Miller	Mini Van
Ron and Pat Sinclair	Morris 6
Vince and Marion Stok	Rover
Francis Borg and Norma May	MG Midget
Murray and Christine Johnson + Janelle Talty	Landcruiser
Nicholas Maltman	Moke
Bob Strode	MGB
Glenn Sanderson	Holden Commodore
Patrick and Sandra Farrell + 1	modern
Patrick and Lee Rose	Austin A30

BMC-LEYLAND CAR CLUB INC.

The Breakdown Club!

Sometimes I should just keep my thoughts to myself!!

In the June 2026 edition I made mention that “Our club fleet of Minis has been quite reliable to date” but that luck had obviously come to an end with Derek Jones’ 1970 Mini Cooper S on the recent Waltham Run! Worse than that, I now suspect that since I uttered those words there is some sort of Mini-Virus being spread within BMC-L Clubland.



Yes, you guessed right, another run, another Mini issue and unfortunately, another Flat-Top breakdown to report on - plus one ‘near-miss’ with a DNF (Did Not Finish).

On the recent Dandenongs run we had only shortly left the start point when Paul Buck’s Mini 850 began playing up with what felt like fuel starvation issues, causing him to pull over into a bus stop area. Rod Kirby, who had been following Paul, pulled over to render assistance only to find his own car starting to let off major amounts of steam from under the bonnet! The heat was so intense the enamel coating on the engine rocker cover was discolouring! Evidently, the worst was feared – that the engine was cooked and a \$20,000 repair job was looking likely – Yikes that’s painful! Even more concerning this was the club’s mobile merchandise vehicle, irreplaceable!



Fortunately for both members it all worked out in the end – Rod’s Mini van had lost its bottom radiator hose, although strangely no sign of overheating on his gauges, and after thorough engine testing was given the all-clear, albeit with some engine paint looking ordinary! Rod is very fortunate Paul broke down when he did, this probably saved his car from any terminal engine damage.

That’s the miscreant on the left, oh the shame. Note how closely it resembles the car on the tow truck in our header cartoon ...

As for Paul – he managed to limp his own Mini home with a few further stoppages along the way and with a replacement fuel pump he’s back on the road. Sorry Paul – NO FLAT-TOP = NO BREAKDOWN CLUB MEMBERSHIP!! Both members were able to successfully return for our recently held Yarra Valley run.

Alec Robinson – Run Coordinator

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- The following members are authorised by the club to sign **VicRoads renewals**: Terry Sawyer, Vincent Stok, Francis Borg, Russell Linden, Sue Wilson.
- The following members are authorised to sign **Standard Declaration and Eligibility forms** for the Club Permit Scheme (CPS): Terry Sawyer, Vincent Stok, Francis Borg.
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Roadworthiness requirements for club vehicles

A certificate of roadworthiness is required for all club vehicles manufactured on or after 1 January 1949, except street rod vehicles, light trailers and plant-based special purpose vehicles (e.g. tractor). Get a certificate of roadworthiness at a roadworthy tester.

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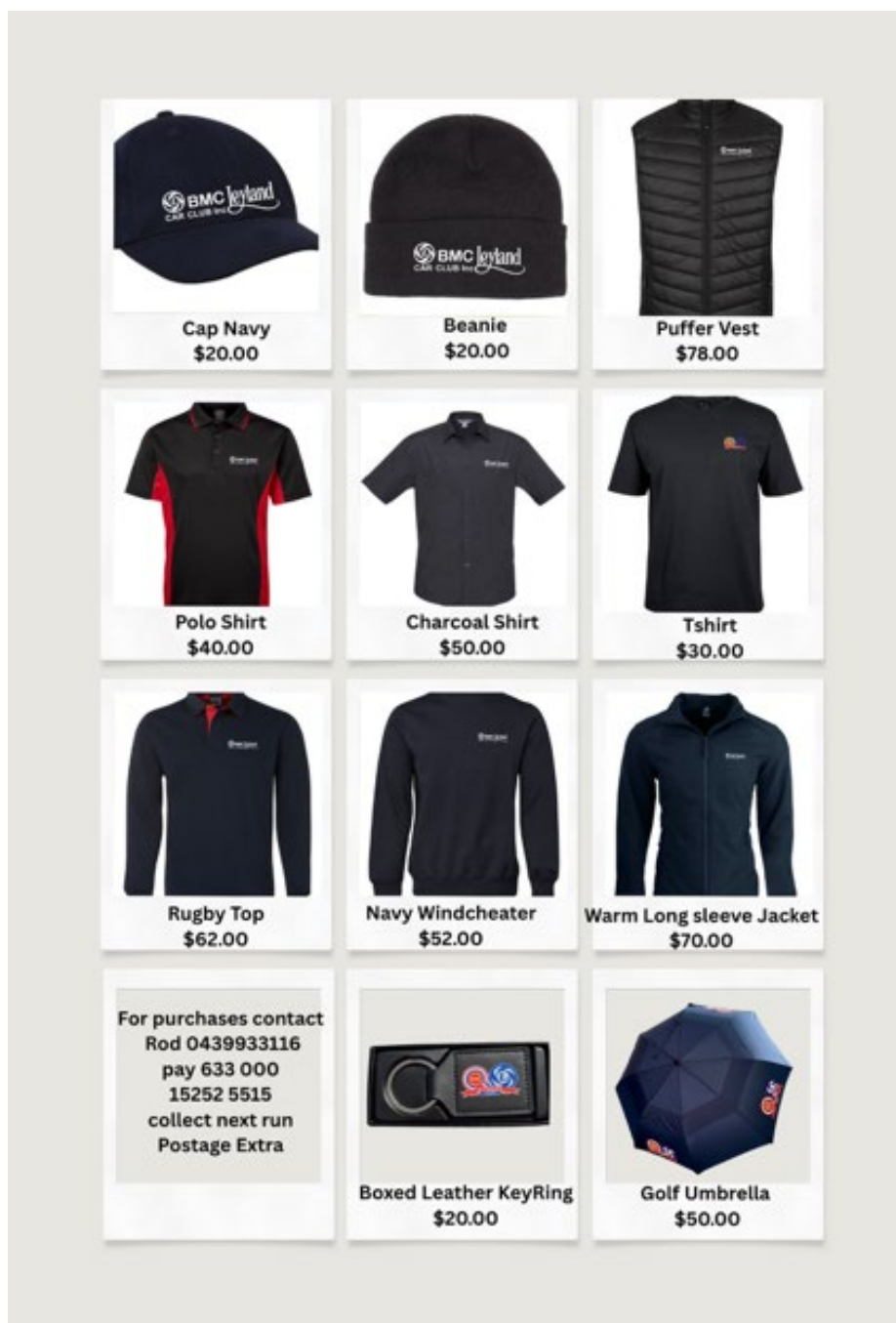
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Changes to publication schedule in 2026

- In 2026, the club newsletter will be published **every second month**. We aim to publish in the first week of each publication month. Email reminders for runs etc. will be sent between issues.
- Please send your copy by the **second week of November for the December issue**.

Thank you, we appreciate your interest and contributions.

Club regalia and clothing



Pre-loved clothing can be embroidered for a small charge of \$16.50 Per item. The new warm jacket can also be ordered with no sleeves. Grille badges and sashes are also available.

Members can visit the store during open hours to try on clothing or select something of their taste and to have the logo embroidered.

Peninsula Uniforms and Embroidery
No 1/1 Titan Drive, Carrum Downs 3201.

For sale and wanted

Advertise your items here ... no charge for members

Darryl Beauchamp writes: My father (101 years old) is now in aged care, and we are selling his collection of spare parts accumulated over the last 70 years. Not 100 % sure which parts fit which vehicles, but he restored Morris Minor 1000s, Austins, Wolseleys and MGs. Included in the parts are:

- front uprights, hubs, steering components
- Morris front panel chrome work, bump overrides
- various badges
- gear clusters, etc.
- various door handles
- MG clutch / pressure plate - not in photo (clutch plate, a week's use)
- early pressure plate (possibly GM)
- jack.



Dad would greatly appreciate any assistance with selling the components, and any funds received will go to future daily-rate aged care shortfall. Hoping to achieve a couple of hundred dollars; parts are located in Mornington VIC to inspect. Many thanks. **Darryl Beauchamp, 0400 880 187**

Alec Robinson, Run Coordinator, is looking for a safe and secure garage space to store one of his classic cars as his own stable is full! Alec would only require infrequent access on occasion to take the car out for a run or two and is looking for something from November 2027 onwards. While based in Mount Eliza area, Alec is willing to look at anything within a reasonable distance from his home. If you have something to consider or maybe know of a friend or acquaintance that could help out, please contact him by SMS to 0410 479 140 or alternatively emailalec@cartref.com.au Alec will be overseas from early October and away for most of that month, so he may not be able to respond immediately to your inquiries, but will do so as soon as practical.

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