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Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, Louie Lane, Spring Creek, on the 3rd Monday of each month commencing at 7.30pm. All visitors are welcome. Note that the editor and/or club members do not necessarily share the opinions that may be expressed in the magazine.

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Events Calendar for 2022

Most events start from Kite Street outside Cook Park at 10.00am with morning tea at Cook Park unless otherwise stated in the events description. For further information on any events please contact either Euan Coutts on 63651274. euanwil@bigpond.com Or Chris Bromley on 0428659224 **Note; All Twilight Runs start at the specified location at 5pm.** Changes may need to be made to the Events Calendar for various reasons with as much notice as possible being given.

April.

Saturday 2nd to Monday 4th CHMC Rally at Singleton.

Sunday 10th ANZAC Day celebrations at Neville.

Monday 11th, Ladies Day at the clubhouse 10am – 2pm.

Monday 18th Monthly meeting at the clubrooms. (Easter Monday but we agreed to still hold the meeting)

Monday 25th Anzac Day, Venue of your choice.

Thursday 28th – Sunday 1st May Autumn tour for pre 1931 cars

May

Sunday 1st Farewell breakfast for Autumn Tour Entrants."

Monday 9th, Ladies Day at the clubhouse 10am – 2pm.

Saturday 14th Orange Show, display of cars from our Club.

Monday 16th Monthly meeting at the clubrooms.

June

Monday 13th Ladies Day at the clubhouse 10am – 2pm.

Monday 20th Monthly meeting at the clubrooms.

July

Monday 11th Ladies Day at the clubhouse 10am – 2pm.

Monday 18th Monthly meeting at the clubrooms.

August

Monday 8th Ladies Day at the clubhouse 10am – 2pm.

Friday 12th to Monday 15th WW2 commemoration at Bathurst – see Bob Mc Neil for details

Monday 15th Monthly meeting at the clubrooms.

September

Monday 12th Ladies Day at the clubhouse 10am – 2pm.

Monday 19th Monthly meeting at the clubrooms.

October 14 to 17th: pre 1950 Rally at Parkes.

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Presidents' report.

The March meeting was well attended and I thank all members for their contributions regarding our change of clubhouse venue.

Your vote will determine where ODAMC will call "home" for most of our current members' time and into the next generation.

It is important to appreciate that while neither location has all the benefits of the Bloomfield site, the Harness Racing Track poses many as yet unresolved problems some of which were raised at the meeting such as upgrading facilities, initial and ongoing maintenance and repair, connection of services and extra set up costs.

As the majority of members are of an advanced age, I think we should seriously consider the ongoing physical work which will continue whilst we are there.

Whilst the Lucknow School also has drawbacks, mostly related to holding of the occasional large social event, they are not of a physical nature and would require little in the way of planning. There is also considerable cost saving as our only commitment is our minimal rent. It is true that with this site we would have to find an alternative to hold a large Rally

It is not my role to influence your vote in any way. As president, my duty is only to ask you to give serious consideration to the future of our club.

As another President once almost said "ask not what your club can do for you - ask what you can do for your club. "

John.

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EDITORS RAMBLE

Welcome to the April 2022 edition of the ODAMC newsletter.

This edition is a little late as I have been away again. I usually try and get the newsletter out by the last weekend of the month but didn't manage it this time so I do apologise for that.

It's hard to believe we are a quarter of the way through the year, Summer is over and day light saving is just around the corner. It's been good to be able to go to some car shows again and I have added some pictures I took at Lyndhurst golf club combined run with the ASCC that we did on Sunday 27/02/2022. What a great day and what a great venue. A good day was had by all. It's a little late but the March edition was put out a bit early as I was going away so it missed the deadline.

Last month we looked at some new venues for our club house, we revisited some of them and seem to have selected the best two. Both of which have merits and deficits. Lucknow seems to be close to what we have now with much better amenities and without all the work and worry. The old trotting track is closer to Orange with big grounds and a big share club room suitable for hosting larger events.

This is your newsletter and as a result is the ideal platform to put views across. It has been suggested I should not have included some of the emails and comments. It is not the editor's job to decide what goes in and what does not. The only time, I, as editor will intervene on an article is if a correspondence is derogative or inflammatory to the club or its members.

I have included a letter I received from a club member who was unable to attend the meeting but who wished to voice some interesting points to be considered regarding the new club house,

I have also included numerous emails I have received from members, regarding the club house issue. This will be the last chance we have to put our point of view across as the vote is at the next meeting and we have all agreed to abide by the vote selection process.

Cast your vote for the one you prefer and think is most suitable. It will be good when this is all over and the decision has been made so we can get club meetings back to car club and car run issues instead of club house issues.

There has been a new event added to the events calendar for April 10th. The events committee will be meeting soon for some more club runs to be devised so please have a think about some venues you would like to attend and let a committee member know so it can be added to the calendar. Also, if you have any stories or pictures you want to share with other clubs and club members, send them in.

As you are probably aware the website version of the newsletter will now not show the minutes of the meetings. If you have been relying on this as a source of reference or information, let me know and I will forward you a private electronic version of the newsletter with all information.

Keith sent in a Flyer for the Council of Heritage Motoring Clubs
As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Autumn tour for pre 1931 cars is now fully booked and ready to go. What a huge task and once again, thanks to Peter and Rosemarie for their time and effort and other club members who have helped, well done.

Please forward any items of interest to Chris Bromley on 0428659224 or email at cbromley111@skymesh.com.au for any information, news, pictures or anything that we can add to the newsletter. All is gratefully appreciated.

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Letters and emails received regarding the new club house issue

Dear Mr Secretary,

Thanks for giving me a report on the meeting last night.

It was unfortunate that I could not attend as I have been in Isolation for the past week.

If I was there, I would have spoken in favour of the Lucknow School and it would be appreciated if this could be forwarded to the members.

A little background on me, for those who are unsure. I currently manage all aspects of a large industrial and office site for a national company.

I was also the Hall Lettings Officer for the Veteran Car Club rooms in Sydney for 5 years. Plenty of Car Clubs rented our rooms from us. I often envied their position – they just paid the rent, I had to organise everything else.

After reading the reports on the prospective Clubrooms, I decided to do a drive past the main two sites (Lucknow School and Old Trotting Track).

In my opinion, the Lucknow School would be the preferred option. My reasoning, is that it makes more sense from a business angle.

The Trotting track, as we do not have a quote, is financially unknown. We know we will need to supply Maintenance, Gas, Electricity and do we also pay for water?? There was mention of the back to base alarm. Will we need to pay for that service? Do we know what the call-out fee is for the alarm? Currently, I am signing invoices for \$98+GST per event for my work. However, the school is financially known. Council have supplied a quote of the rental being approx. \$600 per year, inclusive of Gas, Electricity and Water. Council will also provide maintenance for the site.

One of the main considerations business has today is "What are the Liabilities?" Lucknow School will be rented from the Orange City Council. They are required by Work Health and Safety legislation to ensure the room is in appropriate condition to rent.

However, at the Trotting track, if the club is maintaining the rooms and the grounds, we are then bound by this legislation. In this case, there are some very serious questions that need to be asked to ensure the club is not liable for:

- Breach of Legislation (or Public Health Orders) – Is the club capable (or willing) to clean the rooms to a suitable condition (including deep cleaning if that is re-introduced)?
- Increased exposure for Public Liability – If we are maintaining the grounds, who is liable if someone trips on the grass? Does our Volunteer Insurance give us enough cover?
- Increased risk of Malicious Damage – Who is liable for Break-ins, Grounds Vandalism, etc.?

Will there be a rental agreement for either premise? A rental agreement from Council would be pretty simple – We pay our rental; they supply the rooms. And I would expect there would be Fixed Term with options of renewing.

However, with the Trotting track, it has the possibility of being very convoluted, who pays for what? What is covered? What happens if the building and grounds are not maintained to Kart Club expectations? Are we going to be subjected to a new agreement with each new Kart Club Committee? Could we find ourselves evicted in 12 months' time? Could we find ourselves paying substantially more rent?

For all these reasons and more, the Trotting track poses too much of a risk when compared to the Lucknow School.

Also, and let's be honest with ourselves - wouldn't we (and our partners) prefer indoor toilets to ones that are outside in the paddock??

Thanks,
Nigel Coutts

Euan also added some thoughts he had that I have included here due to space restriction in the newsletter.

I had also forgotten that the trotting track has a back to base alarm system. The installation of this alarm should give us the clue that there has been trouble at the site in the past and I can't believe that the call out fee would be any less for us. Council have indicated that the call out fee was our responsibility

*Cheers,
Euan Coutts
Acting secretary
ODAMC*

Hi Members,

Most of you will now have received your voting envelopes on the decision of our next meeting premises.

Whichever way the matter is decided a section of Club members will be disappointed, please respect their opinions. A decision has to be made and only time will tell whether we have made the correct move. Your vote does count. We urge you to vote as experience has shown that often only 50% of Club members actually cast a vote.

We have had questions from a number of members who have been unable to attend the last few Club Meetings about the Costs and Occupancy conditions of the two sites under consideration, as they feel that they are voting for the unknown. We have an outline of terms and conditions from both the sites but to get the firm arrangements under way we have to decide on one site or another. The vote is mainly to decide by our members which site they would prefer so that we can proceed to firm arrangements.

There are pros and cons for both sites which are listed in the March edition of the Restoration Rambler.

Harness Club Members' Room.

The Orange Kart Club hold the lease from the Orange Council and we would be a sub-lessee; We have begun negotiations with the Kart Club. It may be possible to negotiate a lease direct from the Council.

The Kart Club indicated that other Clubs and themselves would like use the Room for occasional training days and the like but with 2weeks notice to us.

Our Club would be responsible for Gas, Electricity and water.

The Kart Club have indicated that if we are prepared to maintain the large outside area with grass cutting and cleaning the Room and toilets, rent would be nil.

There will be some outlay by our Club for the initial set up as the building has been unoccupied. There are some other occupancy matters but it is felt these can be addressed satisfactorily when we negotiate further to the Kart Club.

We would have to maintain our Public Risk Insurance and a contents policy

The Lucknow School, a Community Hall.

We would be on a permanent booking basis from the Orange Council, for one of the two rooms at the school. This will cover Ladies Day and our Meeting nights.

We would have the option to make a booking for the whole building, for say, a social function.

We have the use of the attached parking area.

An initial period of two years with options has been suggested.

The going charge by Council to Non-Profit groups is \$10 per hour and we estimate that our charge would be under \$1000 per year.

Council pays Gas, Water, electricity, maintenance and cleaning. We would save by not having to pay these charges as we do at Bloomfield.

Occasionally the whole of the building is rented by Council to other groups for functions and these would be using our area.

We would have to maintain our Public Risk Insurance and some smaller contents Insurance,

John Nicholson. President

Subject: Car Club meeting Summary

Hi Euan and The Orange Vintage Car Club,

Thanks for meeting us on site last week, I look forward to another inspection tomorrow 1/3/2022. Below are some points for discussion, while we are negotiable on some we would prefer if we can come to a mutually beneficial arrangement between both OKC and the Vintage Car Club to make this work.

I've had a chat to our committee and we all believe this could be a mutually beneficial relationship. Some points our club would like to ensure are raised prior to confirming the relationship

1. OKC intends to use the clubhouse for race functions up to 6 times per year. These are usually either Friday or Saturday afternoon/evenings
2. OKC will leave the clubhouse clean following each event
3. OKC has a relationship with a local training group as well as other functions that would see the leasing facility 1-2 days per time up to 15 times per year. This is a source of income for our club and we would really like to continue this arrangement. We are happy to agree that we will not lease the facility for high-risk evening parties such as 18ths or 21st where alcohol is involved. As a small club this financial arrangement works well, we are not against looking at other ways we can make money on the side if the vintage car club can think of any ideas?
4. OKC can provide the Vintage car club a minimum 2 week's notice of intended functions/training days

Would the vintage car club be interested in helping OKC on our race days or in canteen etc? no pressure at all we may also be able to help you out if required?

Vintage car club will be responsible for the following

1. Gas system compliance and gas supply into building (OKC does not want to use Gas, it is recommended Vintage Car Club arrange locks for gas bottles so they cannot be turned on whilst not in use)
2. Electricity supply – our treasurer is chatting to power company to see if a separate bill can be arranged – OKC happy to cover cost of electricity when we have a function or training onsite.
3. Grounds maintenance, OKC would like to come to an arrangement where instead of a monetary lease, the grounds around the clubhouse and toilets could be maintained by the vintage car club.
4. I also note:

- it was raised regarding the use of the sheds, OKC is happy to provide 100% exclusive lease of any shed on our lease that is currently not being used. It will be up to Vintage Car club to secure and maintain the sheds.
- It was raised there is currently no disabled toilets on site. OKC would be happy to work with the vintage Car club in applying for grant funding for disabled toilets and showers and other improvements to the site
- OKC would like to work with Vintage car club and other users of the facility to improve internal fixtures such as seating/tables, cooking and catering equipment.
- OKC would like to work with vintage Car Club to hold events together in hope of making both clubs stronger
- Both parties could come to an arrangement on carpet cleaning every 12 months.
- If we can come to agreeance on the above points, I think we should enter into a short term arrangement for up to 6 months just to be sure it's a good fit for both parties. Then we can fine tune details and have a proper lease arrangement drawn up.
- OKC has a long term plan (that may never go ahead) of shifting our IN/OUT grid adjacent to the clubhouse, if and when this occurs this may see an increased use of the facility also
- OKC has another plan (not yet investigated or planned) of developing a Dirt Kart track near the clubhouse this may se an increased use of the facility
- Canobolas motor cycle club have been pushing to lease the harness club grounds from council, OKC has had some positive and not so positive dealings with this club in the last 12 months. While we would like to see the harness track used in a motorsport capacity OKC has not come to an arrangement with CMCC to share the clubhouse or toilet facilities however I thought I would make you aware they are sniffing around

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

I look forward to our meeting tomorrow

Regards, Dan Curran, Project Manager.

Bob wrote

Chris, only my thoughts, do we need letters to the Editor placed on the web site for all the world to read. Bob.

Acting secretary

From registration officer, just a note to consider, we ask our members for commitment to OUR club eg three runs. The commitment of our scrutineers to checking club cars saves members almost \$3,000. If we have no place to do these checks on rego day the 25 or so cars will be up for \$1,000 for pink slips. Do we discriminate against these members who turn up at a club event OR just ask every member to supply a pink slip, there would be no more "cars under repair ", every vehicle would need to be taken for its pink slip? Is there a member in Orange with the facilities and area to hold this event? The trotting track has all we need. Thanks Bob.

Members

After receiving phone calls from members, I need to express my concern over the email we received today, I was of the opinion that no more public discussion was to be had after the March meeting with regard to voting for club premises. Our members need to be aware of more issues than just mowing grass and outside dunnies.

Members need to be more concerned about what we do with club property and memorabilia, extra club activities eg. rally headquarters and breakfast but more importantly a suitable place for registration inspections. I wish for this to be the last correspondence by email media regarding club voting until after the April meeting.

Concerned member Keith Packham.

Out and about

Lyndhurst golf club combined run with the ASCC on Sunday 27/02/2022. What a great day and what a great venue. A good day was had by all





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Dear Members

On behalf of CHMC's Clubs, their members and the CHMC Committee we extend to all impacted by the heavy rain and flooding in NSW and Queensland our concerns for you during this most difficult time.

Our thoughts are with the people of flooded areas in NSW especially the Northern Rivers areas, the Central Coast, southern parts of the Hunter, Greater Sydney, Illawarra and northern parts of the south coast districts who have born the brunt of the East Coast rain "bomb".

CHMC President Ray Ives speaking on behalf of Council said "The devastation we have all seen on television and social media saddens us all and goes way beyond the damage to homes, farms, business and infrastructure. We are sadly aware that members of our historic vehicle and machinery community have lost everything."

"As was the case with recent natural disasters, the bushfires of 2019/2020 and the floods of 2020, CHMC again offers its help and support to our clubs and members at this time. Our clubs are important community organisations in their local areas, bringing people together and providing vital social, charity fundraising and heritage activities."

CHMC will assist our local clubs in flood affected regions in whatever way it can, and we ask our other clubs to support appropriate fund raising appeals for flood disaster relief. When Council donated to the CWA of NSW's Disaster Relief Fund in 2020 and 2021, to assist bushfire and flood victims, a number of CHMC clubs added to those donations or donated independently. Please consider doing so again in 2022.

For all our members affected by floods please check out the CHMC website: *Information that may assist you or those you know with saving and recovering historic vehicles and machinery, documents and photos, films, videos etc that have been waterlogged* and click on the link below. Please share this link with your family and friends who may also benefit from this information.

Take care, be flood aware, and drive safely.

Warmest regards

Ray Ives

Ray Ives
President, CHMC
10 March 2022

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(CHRIS GRAY WITH THE TROPHY FOR BEST VINTAGE & VETERN CAR AT GNOO BLAS CAR SHOW HELD SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2022).

THE GRAYS DID IT AGAIN AT THE 2022 GNOO BLAS CAR SHOW SAT 12TH February THIS IS THE SECOND SHOW IN A ROW BERTIE AS SHE IS KNOWN, TOOK OUT THE TOP PRIZE FOR THE DIVISION. THIS WAS ALSO A SATISFYING ACHIEVMENT FOR THE CLUB .(ODAMC Member)

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