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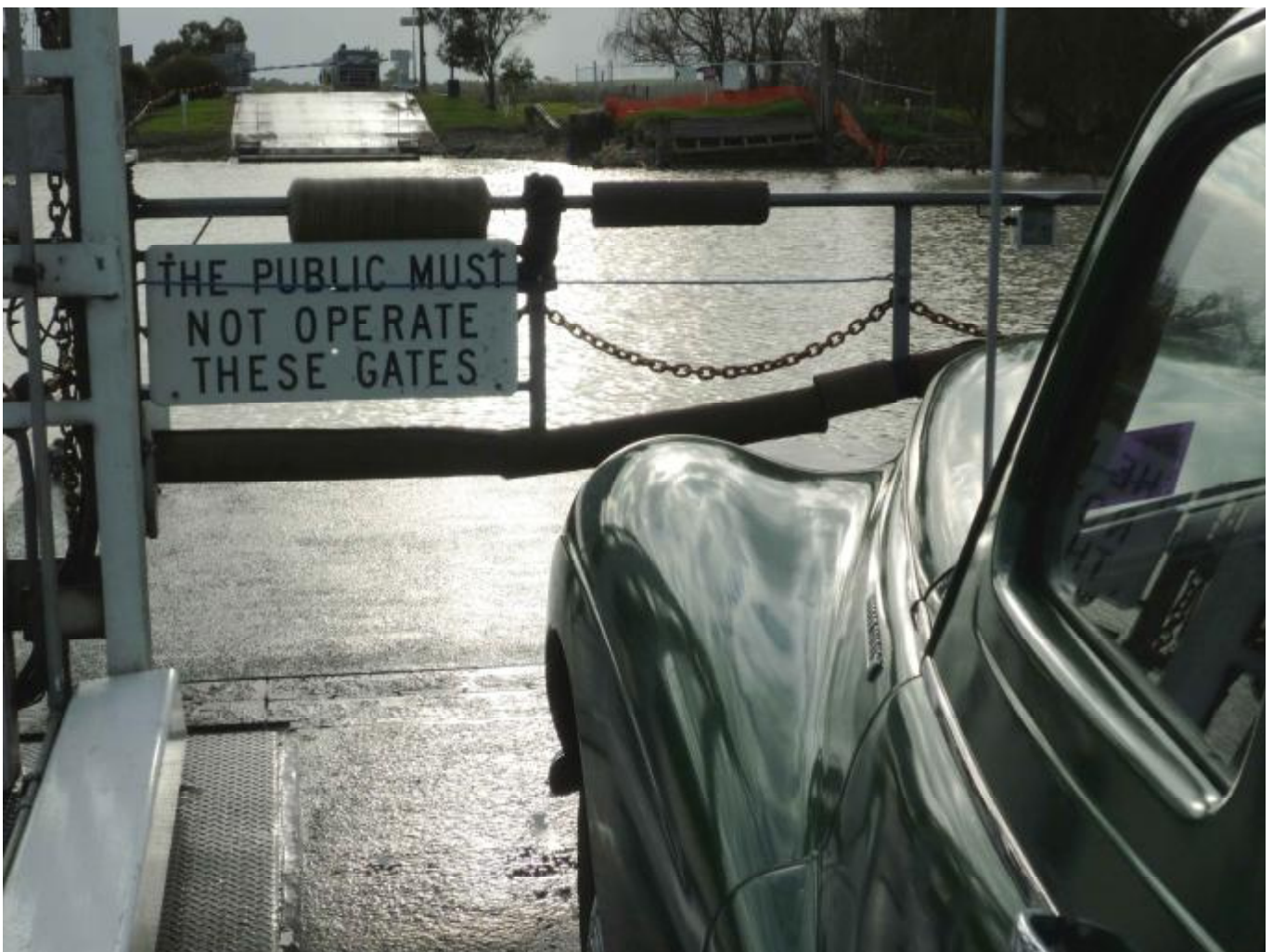


2010

# Sunbeam News



THE SUNBEAM CAR OWNERS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC



**Your intrepid editor rose early and braved the perils of the deep to bring you the in depth Sunbeam National Meeting coverage within.**

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**SUNBEAM CAR OWNERS CLUB OF S.A. INC.**  
Minutes of Meeting Held at Shannon's on 7 June 2010

**PRESENT:** C & A Ford , D & M Bicknell, T Hunt, W Lewis, C & H Newland, M Thiselton, K Woodman, B Argent & P Killen-Argent, W Little, G Ludlam, K & A Usher, B Banks, R Hagedorn, B Haines, W Jackson, A & R Pearce, T Spence.

**APOLOGIES:** R & D Durham, J Hagedorn, P Fuss.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Taken as read. Moved by W Lewis, Seconded by B Argent. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

**Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc.** – Minutes 17 April 2010.

Thank you note from **Warren Lewis** for basket.

E-mail advising change of contact details for **Peter Wright, Singer Car Club of SA.**

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e-mail advising change of e-mail address for **Malcolm Thiselton:** [jandrneeves@internode.on.net](mailto:jandrneeves@internode.on.net).

E-mail from the **Secretary Sunbeam Car Club of Victoria Inc** advising that President John Usher is an apology for the National Meeting in Mt Gambier. Advised that Geoff Edmonds and Helen will attend as their representatives.

**Adrian Newport (Qld)** has a Sunbeam Talbot 80 to give away. [anewport@ozemail.com.au](mailto:anewport@ozemail.com.au)

Advice and entry form from the Bay to Birdwood Committee that the 30th Anniversary run will be on September 26th 2010.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** (May)

'The Advertiser' pages listing

Get well basket to **Keith Usher**

Get Well basket to **Warren Lewis**

Letters to and from Janet O'Dell, Secretary, in response to advice of the formation of the **Sunbeam & Talbot Car Club Inc. Victoria**, welcoming them and advising that members are welcome to the Mt Gambier National Meeting.

**Yellow Pages** free 'Clubs – Car' listing.

Telephoned **Richard Jubb, Humber Car Club of SA**, advising change of address details for 'In Vogue' magazine.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Current balance of funds: \$22,184.55. Short term investment: \$6,858.58. Balance of funds including National meeting: \$14,287.49. Actual Club funds \$7,897.06. Moved by K Usher, seconded by P Killen-Argent. Carried

**NATIONAL RALLY:**

Chris Newland reported that preparation for the rally is running smoothly. So far, there are 113 adults & 4 children registered with 55 cars. Lots of work has been done in the past week by the Fords. Samples of trophies were shown to the meeting. Registration commences 3 pm Friday and the weather will be fine but cool.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Chris Ford thanked Peg for the Brunch at Goolwa on Mother's Day. 20 people turned out anyway for a good day and brunch.

Numbers were canvassed for the run to Monarto Zoo on Sunday 4 July. Please contact Chris and Ali Ford if you wish to go - 08 7127 7418 or email [cafordv8@internode.on.net](mailto:cafordv8@internode.on.net) by 27th June

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Registration Day is tentatively planned for Sunday 29 August at Peggy and Brian Argents, subject to confirmation by the new Executive Committee that it be a funded function.

David Bradley has sold his Clement Bayard. David has suggested a run to Kapunda, Anlaby, Station, previously the Dutton home. Details to be confirmed by Chris Ford with David and Robin.

Keith Usher thanked the club for the basket of goodies, especially the chocolate.

**SPARE PARTS:** Thanks to David Bicknell, Wayne Jackson and Chris Newland who assisted Barry Banks with racking to store the club's spares. Tim Hunt, Brian Argent, and Chris Ford to create space for racking and labelling of spares next working bee.

**COMPETITION:** Barry Banks advised that the next Competition Day is 4 July 2010.

**ALERT! ALERT! Paul Heuer has sent in the following forewarning:**

According to the owner of a Series II Alpine in the UK, there will be an Alpine and a Tiger in an upcoming episode of the "Top Gear" TV program. "It was filmed in the old TVR factory in Blackpool and included a number of classic British Sports cars. The purpose was a feature on the demise of our industry along with the usual challenges given to the presenters."

# Mount Gambier Nationals report...

Preparations for this year's National Rally really went into overdrive as the spare tyre emerged from it's cocoon to see the light of day for the first time in fifteen years and was duly pumped up. Six weeks before the event the stress levels went up as cleaning, polishing, painting and repairing took place. It's always been a mystery to me why a car which has been covered up in a shed for most of the year should need so much cleaning but I was like the sphinx and said nothing. Trauma occurred when the mechanic caught the flu and couldn't service our baby, however we left at 9a.m. on Friday morning for Mount Gambier. Ken was in his racing mode by this stage so we 100 Km/h to the Mount for the 34th rally. The car didn't miss a beat as we purred along. We spied Chris outside Tintinara and pulled in to see if we could help. His generator had packed up (the car's, not his), Ali had gone on with Keith and Astrid and Ted and Faye were diverted to Ford HQ to pick up a spare. Talk about the grapevine working. However Brian Argent had come to the rescue with a generator he was going to sell at the Mount, so Chris was able to fit it and continue on.

Some way out of Tintinara we looked in the rear view mirror and had the thrill of seeing two other Mark Alpines following us, they had driven all the way from Queensland. It was a sight you're unlikely to see anywhere in the world today. On arriving at the motel we found another two of our cars so there was great discussion among the "elite". Fortunately the motel was well heated as the temperature dropped to 1oC overnight. Luckily, there was little rain.

Saturday morning after a great breakfast Ali drove the bus into town for a ladies shopping morning while the men drove to the showground for judging. Altogether there were 51 cars at the rally and while judging took place a motorkhana organised by Bob Byham took place. In the afternoon there was a choice of a bus tour around the Mount or limestone carving. Saturday night saw everyone having a great time at "The Barn" where the Cruisers kept everyone dancing.



Sunday morning saw an early start for the Lady Nelson tourist information centre which was so interesting we could have spent more time there but our group was booked into the Nelson pub for a 1p.m. lunch. This was slowed down by a large crowd and a mix up over dates. On the way to Nelson we called in at Donovan's Landing on the Glenelg river approximately 10 kilometres away and were amazed at the high tide level. As the estuary has been blocked for six weeks we could see what the world will be like when the oceans rise. The houses were half under water. They'll have to wait for two dodge tides to clear the river.

Sunday night was the presentation dinner where the usual suspects took home the trophies with the exception of Ted Spence who won Best Presented post '68 Car. He also took home the perpetual trophy. which he had won at another rally. Well done Ted. Congratulations to the South Australian committee on an excellent National. I think I can safely say it was enjoyed by all who attended. **Jan Woodman**

# Mount Gambier Sunbeam National Meeting...

At "The Barn" (seats 800!) on Saturday night...

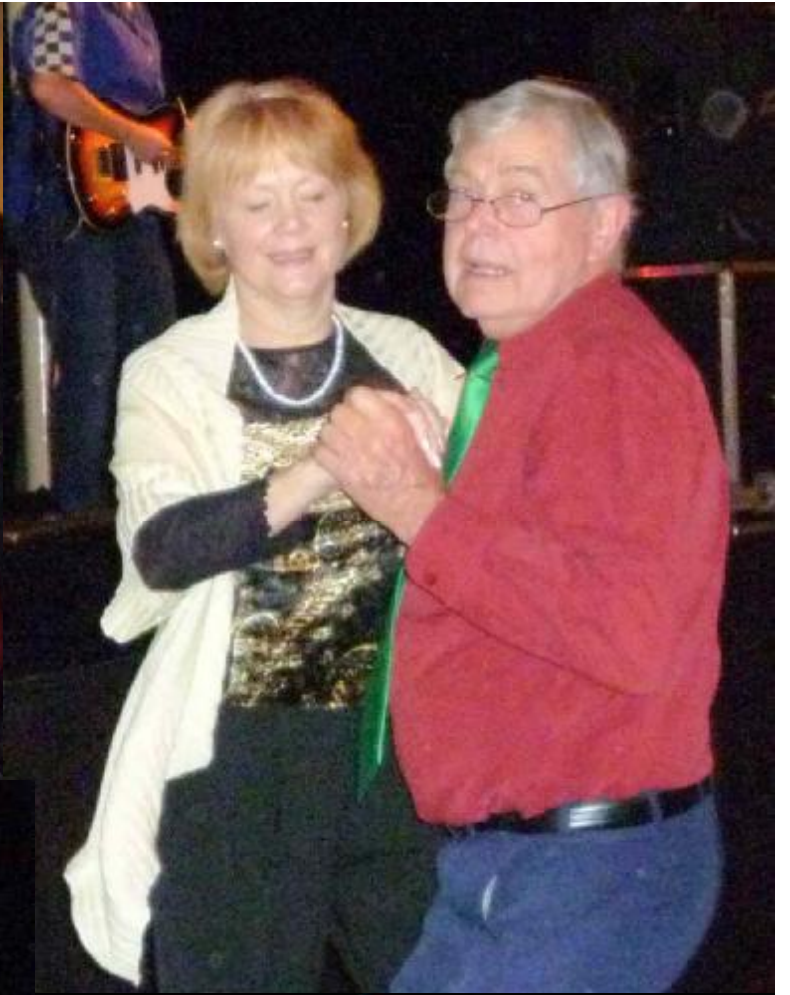


Ali took pole position and...



when the limestone cowboys (aka "The Cruisers") switched from country to rock and roll much dancing ensued.





**Then... there was some more dancing.**

If this was the answer, what was the question?



Warwick survived to have his assets assessed...



and Peggy got her just dessert.



Oh, nearly forgot, there were a few old cars around and on Sunday some of them went ...to the lighthouse.



Damien and Leanne O'Neill's mellow yellow car won "People's Choice" and "Best Presented Tiger"

Jim and Glenys Archer's mercurial series I won best presented Alpine.



## Notes from the chair...

All over! – The 2010 National Sunbeam meeting in Mt. Gambier that is. I think that 115 people and 55 Sunbeams all together in one location; generally a long way from their homes was a great result. Moreover, I believe that all attendees had a good time during a busy programme and we were fortunate with the weather. Hardly any rain, but Jack Frost was around on the Monday morning. All weekend activities proceeded well which included the Friday night BBQ meal, a shopping expedition (for the ladies), concourse/best presented/pride of ownership judging, bus tour of Mt Gambier with afternoon tea, limestone carving, motorkhana, Saturday evening dinner dance, morning tea at the Lady Nelson, tours into the country side, and the presentation dinner on Sunday evening. It was great to catch up with so many friends who we see once per year at the nationals. Many new acquaintances were made as well, and we look forward to seeing them next year at Wagga Wagga in NSW. There were some exceptional Sunbeams in Mt Gambier during the weekend, and congratulations go to all trophy winners. There was very close competition for the popular choice car, ie. the car that people would most like to take home. Damian and Leanne O'Neill from Victoria bagged this trophy with a stunning bright yellow Tiger which was "four days old".

WIN TV Mt Gambier filmed some of our activities in Mt Gambier and the local evening news on Wednesday June 16th carried a story on our National Meeting. We were unable to see it on air as it was on the local Mt Gambier TV only, but Bob Byham did see it and recommended that we purchase a copy of it from WIN TV. I have ordered a copy which will be available on DVD for loan at our next general meeting.

Many thanks to all those who made the Mt Gambier weekend happen with much effort both before and during the long weekend. In particular, Chris Newland who coordinated all preparation work, liaised with the Lady Nelson Centre, lime stone carver, the Saturday dinner venue and the fabulous band which made Saturday evening memorable. Chris was also the anchor person at all events during the weekend. Keith Usher was "on line" for months receiving entry fees and queries from all attendees and was on hand during the weekend for financial and administrative matters. Wayne Jackson created incredible graphics for all name tags, special wine labels, maps and a large "banner in a box" which acknowledged the generosity of the Mt Gambier Council and it has been designed for ongoing use at other occasions. Adrian Pearce assisted with design of trophies and Ali Ford liaised with the Motel and generated "volumes" of paperwork for welcome letters, judging sheets, entry forms, etc. Peg was the "foodie" and at all venues the menus and quality of meals was great.

Hosting the National Meeting requires a lot of effort and dedication by a small group of members in the host club, and it was a topic of discussion during the weekend amongst office bearers of the five Clubs represented. The planning and execution of the National Meeting can perhaps be simplified by further departure from tradition. The number of trophies and judging effort were reduced at the Echuca Meeting in 2008 which has worked well by reducing the number of cars to be judged for originality. I now believe that the judging effort can be further reduced by awarding trophies for the best of each marque by votes from all attendees – any comments on this?

Many thanks to the good number of South Australian Sunbeam owners who travelled to Mt Gambier to host the event and it was really good (and appreciated) to see so many of the marque pull up at our roadside stop on the way to Mt Gambier when the generator failed in 3269.

Ralph Hagedorn was present at the first interstate meeting of Victoria and South Australian Sunbeam Clubs 35 years ago and prepared a letter which was read to the 34<sup>th</sup> national meeting and is printed below. Four Sunbeamers present at that initial meeting in 1976 were also present at Mt Gambier during the weekend: Roland Thomson and his daughter, Lind (Qld), John Woollard (Vic), and Bob Byham from Mt Gambier. Roland and John had the same Sunbeams at both meetings.

*“To all Sunbeamers, June and I send our best wishes to you and hope you all have a happy and successful weekend in Mt Gambier.*

*This year’s event will be the 35<sup>th</sup> to be held by the combined Sunbeam clubs, even though only the Victoria and South Australia were represented, the other States had yet to form Clubs of their own. It is very rewarding to see how over the years the standard of restoration and presentation of the cars has raised the bar. In the first few Nationals, a clean ashtray, black tyres and a polish up was all that was required to enter in the concourse, now of course they are almost better than new.*

*We regret not being with you, but old Father Time has caught up with us at last, at 84 years of age I only drive my Alpine on reasonably short trips, and miss the advantages of power steering, air conditioning, and no noise. I still get a buzz when I do roll it out, and in four years time the National will be closer to Adelaide and God willing, we will be there, hope you all have a really great 2010 National. **June and Ralph.”***

On to other matters ... we have some interesting runs coming up during the remainder of the year. Ali and I are leading a run to the Monarto Zoo on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Historic `Registration Day will be held at Peg and Brian’s home in Somerton Park on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This event is timed so that the 2010/2011 subscriptions will have been set at the AGM on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and membership receipts can be issued before signing of the log books. David Bradley is organising a run to Kapunda and Anlaby Station on 25<sup>th</sup> October. This could be an overnight run and will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Warren and Judy are organising a Pizza Run in September and will be attending the CAMS Carnival in Echuca during the October long weekend. As much as Ali and I would like to attend the CAMS event, we will not be back from our 4WD trip to Cape York.

Chris and Heather Newland have planned the Christmas lunch for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Ted and Faye have kindly offered to organise the proclamation day breakfast.

The AGM is approaching so please consider nominations for office bearers to lead and manage the Club for the next 12 months.

I have enjoyed being President for the last three years and working with members of the Committee who have done such great work for the Club. However, it is time for me to have a break from presidential duties. It is good for a Club to experience office bearer change and another hand at the helm will offer some new directions.

I have received a nice note (below) from the deputy Mayor of Mt Gambier who judged the Pride of Ownership trophy - won by Alf Scottie from NSW (white Mark Alpine)

*Chris and Ali,*

*Just a short note of thank to you and the Sunbeam owners who attended the 34<sup>th</sup> meet in Mount Gambier over the long weekend. It was my pleasure to be able to judge one of the sections but even greater thrill (as an older vehicle enthusiast) to view and inspect such an array of vehicles. The owners should feel very proud of their vehicles. Thankyou again for the opportunity.*

*Yours with kind regards,*

*Byron Harfield (D/Mayor City of Mount Gambier)*

Cheers for now, I look forward to catching up on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Sunbeaming, even if it is winter,  
**Chris.**

From "The Border Watch", 11/6/10



**PROUD OWNERS:** Keith and Astrid Usher at Birdwood after the Bay to Birdwood run.

## All roads lead to city for car fans

CAR lovers will be entertained over the long weekend with the Sunbeam National Meeting making its way to Mount Gambier for a prestigious car show to be held at the showgrounds tomorrow.

Today will begin with about 120 people from across the nation, comprising 50 cars dating back to the early 1950s, converging on the city.

The International Motel will be their home for the four days with registrations being taken this afternoon and tomorrow morning.

A convoy will leave the motel at about 10am tomorrow for the showgrounds, with judging beginning at 11am.

The public is welcome to attend and have a look at the Sunbeam Talbots, Rapiers, Alpines and V8 Ford powered Tigers, among others, which will be on display.

In conjunction, a Motokhana event will take place with both local cars and Sunbeams competing.

The day will finish at about 3.30pm as the Motokhana wraps up.

A dinner will be held at the Barn and optional tours to Nelson, Port MacDonnell and the Coonawarra region are part of Sunday's program.

Members of the convoy will head in separate directions as they all depart Mount Gambier after breakfast on Monday morning.



Do you put your Sunbeam on a pedestal? In exotic, far away Keith, it seems they worship the Landrover.

### Decisions, decisions... at Pt. McDonnell



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
SUNBEAM CAR OWNERS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.  
Will be held on Monday, August 2nd. at Shannons clubrooms, 863-865 South Rd.,  
Clarence Gardens, commencing at 7.30pm**

**The agenda is as follows:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attendance record</li> <li>2. Apologies</li> <li>3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting</li> <li>4. Confirmation and signing of Minutes</li> <li>5. Business arising from the Minutes</li> <li>6. President's Report</li> <li>7. Treasurer's Report (with Auditor's Report)</li> <li>8. Life Membership Ballot</li> <li>9. Election of Officers:<br/>Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President</li> <li>- Vice President</li> <li>- Secretary</li> <li>- Assistant Secretary</li> <li>- Treasurer</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <p>Positions below may be left to a later date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Competition Secretary</li> <li>- Newsletter Editor</li> <li>- Historical Registry</li> <li>- Directory Services</li> <li>- Social Secretary</li> <li>- Librarian</li> <li>- Website Administrator</li> </ul> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. General Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Membership</li> <li>Country Membership</li> <li>Pensioner</li> <li>Associate</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |  |

## MONARTO ZOO RUN

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Meet at Burnside Town Hall at 9.00 am for a 9.15 departure**

so that we can arrive at the Zoo via the old Murray Bridge Road by approx. 10.30. am.

The Club visited the Monarto Zoo several years ago and it was a great day out with good driving through the Hills. Much interest in the animals/talks by guides and of course, good camaraderie over lunch at the on site café.

Lets do it again and see the many improved facilities and the additional animals. The Zu-loop shuttle bus and walking tracks will enable us to experience the Zoo at our leisure. The shuttle leaves regularly from the visitor centre for the various wildlife viewing platforms. Disembark, view the wildlife and meet guides or keepers. Entry costs \$28.50 per adult (**\$20 for senior and concession card holders**) and \$13.50 for children.

Lunch is available at the café or bring your own picnic that can be enjoyed at several outdoor tables.

Please advise Chris or Ali Ford if you are joining them for the run. Ph: 08 7127 7418  
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## Calendar 2010

### JULY

Sun 4th Monarto open zoo run, organised by Chris and Ali Ford. **See ad. p.11.**

Mon 5th Meeting

### AUGUST

Mon 2nd AGM followed by general meeting.

Sun 29th Historic Registration Day at Peggy and Brian's.

### SEPTEMBER

Mon 6th Meeting

Hills run with a meal at Giovanni's Pizza & Pasta place, Mt Barker. Date and details soon.

Sun 26th Thirtieth Bay to Birdwood (pre'55)

### OCTOBER

Fri 1st to Mon 4th CAMS Carnival at Echuca. SCOCSA contingent organised by Warren Lewis.

Mon 4th Meeting

Sun 17th Strathalbyn swap meet.

### NOVEMBER

Mon 1st Meeting

Sun 7th Combined Rootes Group outing. Details later.

### DECEMBER

Mon 6th Meeting

Sun 19th Christmas lunch near Willunga. \$40 pp. Organised by Chris Newland. More anon.

Tues 28th Proclamation Day Breakfast organised by Ted & Faye Spence.

### JANUARY 2011

Wed 26th Australia Day. Proposed participation in Salisbury Rotary Club family picnic.

### FEBRUARY

Mon 7th Meeting

### MARCH

Mon 7th Meeting

Mon 28th-Sun April 9th Meet the Clubs tour, Regal Ramble organised by FHMC.

**See also the invitation events listed in the minutes on p2. Details of which are available from the secretary.**

**Whilst every effort is made to keep members informed, sometimes events may have to be postponed or cancelled without notice. It is advisable to check with the organizer prior to heading off.**

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