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Our 2024 Echuca Rally Group Photo



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Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Simca cars for the purpose of maintaining the Simca marque as part of the motoring history of Australia.

The Club was formed to provide technical information and spare parts assistance to Simca club members.

The Club has an affiliation with Simca owners and clubs throughout the world, permitting a global update of Simca activities to our members.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK – *by Iain Dyer*

Greetings all,

This report is very late and indeed, after a total of 12 years, my last. At our recent AGM at Echuca, David Reeves kindly accepted the position of editor. Members can now look forward to a bit of class. It's obvious when you compare a highly university trained teacher, with a Master's degree, to a car salesman raised in western Sydney. The only the certificate I have, is an award from Toyota Australia in 1986, for selling 44 cars in a month. It's still hanging in the garage. My sister-in-law, Dr Karen Smith, has enough medical science degrees to wall paper the Opera House. I am used to hiding in the shadows. Everyone admires the peacocks, but it's the Pigeons that go racing.



Also at our AGM, Luke Huntly accepted the position as President. The QLD contingent are the shakers and movers in the club and we all look forward to the energy it will bring. All other positions remain the same. Speaking of which, Gerard Crombie will have had his cancer treatment by now and we all wish him a successful recovery. We certainly missed both Gerard and Yvette at the rally.

Seriously though, it has been a pleasure serving the club as editor, but I welcome the break, as I continue to fight various medical conditions. "And so it comes to the final curtain, of this I am certain, as I travelled each and every highway (to Simca rallies), but much more than this, I did it my way." (Thank you Cranky Franky).

Kindest regards to all for the future.

Iain and Leila Dyer.

Echuca Rally 2024

I think everyone would agree the Echuca rally was a great success. We only had four Simcas and those came from far away. The bravery award must go to Skip Verhagen, who drove his P60 Wagon from QLD nonstop for 15 hours, battling heavy winds, both driver and car pressed on. I was just talking to Morrie Barrett about it and it is just another example how tough Simcas are. The trouble is, they are tougher than many of their owners these days. We wanted to take ours, but various issues didn't get fixed in time. Mavis isn't happy.



Upon the first night of arrival, everyone except myself, I was knackered, went out to the Rich River Golf Club for dinner. Most had the roast of the day and it was universally the worst meal we have ever had on a rally. The roast beef must have come from an aged cow that died in a cow home and the vegetables been the subject of multiple re-heats. I rang and spoke to the manager who promised to arrange compensation, I didn't get a call. May wild badgers tear your greens to pieces.

Except for the last night, we solved that problem by using the motel bbq facilities. The club broke up the routine one night, by paying for pizza.

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Much credit must go to Ina Stapley and all the ladies who assisted, for a tasty range of meals and sweets. We all tossed in \$10 per head and the girls did a wonderful job with the shopping. No one went hungry not even Luke 😊



I think one of the features of the rally, was we kept it pretty casual. The only thing booked was the Paddle Steamer which the club paid for. Coffee and cake ruled. The first morning we all met up at the Beechworth bakery, who were celebrating 100 years. Everyone was raving about a special, "Buy two Bee Stings and get the second one for \$1.00." The "Bee Sting" turned out to be a long pastry filled with a custard concoction. It was very, very good.

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There was another bakery over the road from the motel, which saw plenty of Simca club visits. The four Simcas floated around the area, as members explored the town. It was extremely busy and parking difficult.

The first joint excursion was the Paddle boat ride. She was called the Canberra and was over 120 years old and had never been under water. Her skipper was a young lady who was an absolute card and made the trip very enjoyable. She let Leo steer the vessel for several minutes, a memory he will keep. The whole history of Echuca and the Murray, is fascinating reading. Hard to believe over 280 Paddle steamers worked the Murray all the way to Mildura.



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The local Echuca & District Historic Car and Motorcycle Club which has 280 members, put on morning tea for us. They made us most welcome and it was very enjoyable. They had their own bespoke club room and the spread the ladies put on, stunning. The homemade scones with jam and cream, mysteriously made their way onto my plate, more than once. They had brought a selection of their cars, my favorite was a CD Cortina two door, white, with a genuine 60,000 miles. Virtually showroom, it is a rare survivor. One gent I was talking to was 92 years old and fit as a Mallee bull. A more cheerful and engaging bunch of car enthusiasts you could not hope to meet. It was the highlight of our rally.



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Another highlight was “The Beer Shed.” I must admit at first I thought I might just go and watch some paint dry. It was quite the opposite. They don’t normally open through the week ,they opened up especially for us. It’s a huge complex with thousands of beer cans from all over the world and a huge collection of WW1 memorabilia. Apart from the car section, the rest of the collection encompasses early Australiana. The owner is a real showman and character, who engaged Leo as part of his presentation. Leo, a very bright lad, slipped easily into his part and received a prize at the end. Another special memory Leo will carry with him. Among the drays and carts was a display of mostly Holdens. A standout, was a mint 1960 Holden Special sedan with only 60,000 miles. Overall it was a memorable experience.



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A few of us made the 90k trip up to Deniliquin. For us the highlight of the town was a 50's diner and car museum. They have gone to a lot of trouble to create a 50's décor, the coffee was great as was the music. We travelled up in Morrie and Margaret's brand new Hybrid Nissan Quashi. Cheap to run with impressive grunt. Morrie Verstappen quickly hit 130 kph passing a slow truck. It's only a myth, he is a retired policeman. 😊



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Our last day, was Show and Shine day. Rob Stapley had organised an area for us to display our cars, in the wharf precinct. It was extremely busy with lots of people, all the eateries were doing a roaring trade. The bakery was still celebrating their 100 years and offering to buy two pies and get the second one for 50 cents. It made for a cheap lunch. It was a relaxing way to spend the day, with a variety of people inspecting our cars.



The following morning it was time for off. By the time we emerged from our unit, there was no one left to have a coffee with. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone and to see how much Leo had grown. Don't expect to win face to face stare outs, he wins every time. Those big brown eyes. It was great to catch up with James again and seeing him doing so well with his health battle. Homeward bound, unemployed.

One last funny

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An Englishman and an Irishman are standing in a bakery waiting to be served.

The Irishman is first at the counter, the Englishman reach's around and puts three buns in his pocket. The Irishman says you can't do that.

Just then the owner comes back and goes to serve the Englishman first.

Angry, the Irishman asks the owner if he would like to see a magic trick.

The owner agrees. The Irishman says, "Give me a bun," which he ate.

He then says, give me another one, which he also ate. He says once more give me another one, which he also ate. Puzzled the owner asks, "How can that be magic?"

The Irishman says, "Look in the Poms Pocket!" 😊😊😊



Crabby Mavis, she missed the party.

Presidents Report Next Edition by incoming President Luke Huntly

South Australia Report.

Hi all.

This is the S.A. report, although I will mention the national rally in Echuca, Moama. First up I/we hope that you all are enjoying good health and taking time to enjoy your cars. We understand that there are a couple that need repairs to get them back on the road ie, David's which needs some bodywork and Iains which needs a mechanic, although in Iains case if he can't get his to the rally we will take the rally to him. We, (Ina and I) are looking forward to next year's rally in Tasmania, and remembering the last one in 2019 when we had such a great time and planning to stay on a bit to do some more sightseeing. Catching the ferry in Geelong should be much easier than in Melbourne and I have researched trailer storage in Geelong and seems to be quite cheap. Of course Iain will be able to plan a good rally and personally I'd be happy to follow the same itinerary as the last one.

The Bay to Birdwood run has again been run and as usual Ina and I participated again in Ina's 90A. We left Ardrossan at 5.30am and arrived back home at 5.30pm so a fairly long day and about 300 to 400klms. The 90A always draws a crowd of interested onlookers who have stories to tell of their experiences with Simca's.

This was the first long run for this car after replacing head and fitting thermostat apart from the run to Deniliquin from Moama and we seem to have sorted fuel and cooling and is now a pleasure to drive. At present I am trying to solve why the blue wagon's fuel system is determined to flood and I am changing carby's, manifold etc. etc. to get to the bottom of this fault. When the carby is removed there is quite a pool of petrol in the manifold, obviously from the carby but I don't know why. Every carby I have tried has the same problem, seems like perhaps the fuel pump is pumping too much fuel or too high a pressure, next to change fuel pump. There is always something to do and I am very glad I have a hoist.

So cheers for now.

From S.A. rep.

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NSW REPORT

We enjoyed another great Simca meet and nice to catch up with everyone. We had to leave early to enable us to get to our grandson Luke for his 10th birthday, we had an uneventful drive to Goulburn staying at a motel then off to Sydney for the 11 Am birthday party.

The Sydney all French Car Day was cancelled again due to wet weather.

However the Grand large did get a run, Margaret and I attended the October Oasis run to North Richmond and the Grand Large travelled there and back without incident.

Congratulations to Barbra and Don Scanes who celebrated the 60 years of marriage.

During my sorting through some papers, I located the information that Geoff Rose had sent to me regarding the Toyota Kit to fit a button clutch to a Simca.

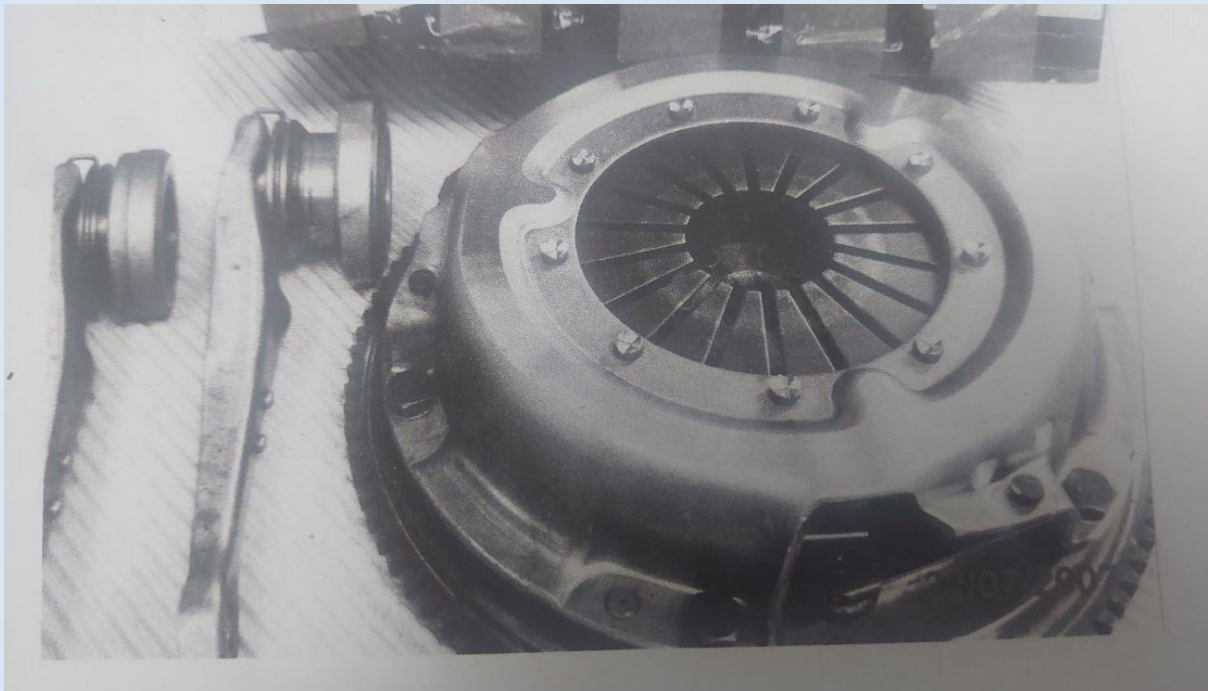
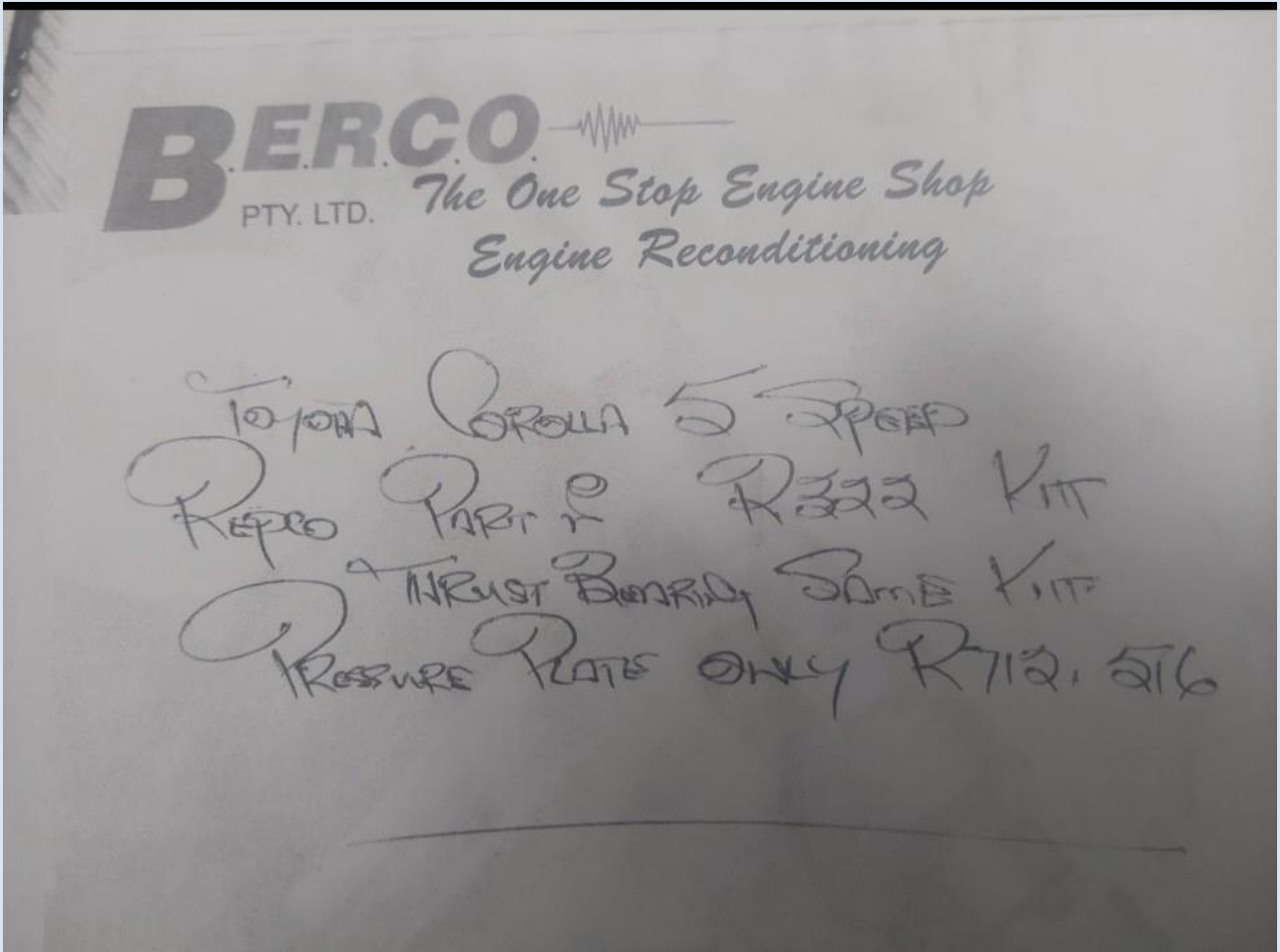
Toyota 5 Speed box

Repco Part No R332 Kit including thrust bearing.

Pressure plate only R712,515see photos.

Memories Geoff Roses P60 at Iron Knob on the (Ampol) Peugeot rerun.





Queensland Report

Hi Everyone,

It's been a few weeks now since we arrived back from the rally in Echuca. It was great to catch up with everyone again. Thank you to those who organised the various places we visited as well as keeping us well fed over the week.

We enjoyed meeting up with the Echuca and District Historic Vehicle Club who made us very welcome and put on a great spread for morning tea. Some of the members even remembered our visit on the last Simca Rally in 2005.

The Beer Shed was also a great place to visit, with the owner giving us a history talk and taking Leo in hand to help out with some demonstrations, as well as conning Mum & Dad (Luke & Michelle) into playing the poker machines.

The paddle steamer ride on the 'Canberra' was another highlight and a relaxing way to see the river, especially for a few passengers who got to steer the boat on the way back to port. It was made even more enjoyable by the commentary from the captain, giving the history of the river and township with added humour.

On the way to Echuca some members went via Deniliquin and noticed a brand new museum on the highway which we visited on the second last day of the rally. A very extensive and detailed collection, mostly privately owned and obtained over many years. Well worth a visit.

While we were on the rally, a Simca wreck became available for sale in Pitt Town. Deciding it was only a slight detour of 300 km to go home via Sydney, we decided to go that way to collect it. What seemed to be an easy idea, soon became quite problematic as an extra hire trailer was becoming too difficult and expensive. Whose idea was this?! After throwing a few ideas around it was decided to trailer Trixie to Pitt Town and drive her back to Roma, leaving the trailer free to carry the wreck home behind the Pajero. Who knew that it was going to turn into quite an eventful trip!

Luke's Mum, Lynette decided to tag along just in case we needed help along the way, more so if Trixie broke down from Pitt Town onwards. The first day was easy going, just a slight traffic jam closer to Sydney. The second day the excitement started. Sydney was unfamiliar territory and we were

concerned not to lose Lynette in the traffic as she was following behind us. Coming to a screeching halt on an orange light, Lynette was not prepared and could not pull up in time, rear ending the trailer and Trixie. With a short stop off at Morrie and Margaret's, we assessed the damage. With the trailer taking most of the brunt Trixie copped bumper and slight panel damage. We then made our way to Pitt Town.

As I have learnt in the past, photos are very deceiving. We knew the car was rusty, but to what extent was unknown until attempts to retrieve him from his parking spot revealed the extent of the 'cancer', as he was being split in two. Sydney, as he has now been named, had to be dug out and strapped back together from front to rear axle, before being pulled onto the trailer by a Massey Ferguson 135 tractor.

We all travelled home in convoy, Luke driving Trixie, James, Michelle and Leo in the Pajero and Lynette playing tag along in the Patrol. While we were pulled over the side of the road to get our bearings, a bloke stopped who hadn't seen a Simca for quite some time, and had repaired many Simca radiators. He gave us information about a new Vedette radiator. Details to follow.

All was travelling well to make our first stop in Muswellbrook when somewhere north of Putty a lone roo jumped out in front of the Pajero, only narrowly missing. Luke saw all of this unfold and started to take

evasive action, as it was jumping along the fence towards him. At the very last split second the roo must have thought 'Oh what a great car' and jumped in front of Trixie, damaging the front grill and pushing the bumper into the left hand tyre (that was an easy fix , to pull it out of the way) and continue on the trip.

Looking forward to our stop for the night, Trixie was running very rough. Trying to keep her running she coughed out at a set of lights only metres from the motel. Trying to turn the key she would not turn over so a push start was needed. In a bit of distress luckily a bloke wanted to cross at the lights and came to the rescue.

On the third day, wanting to get going early, we started the cars up and Luke noticed some vaper leaking from the choke area. Inspection found it had all vibrated loose therefore repairs had to be carried out making our leave late, but fixed the running rough issue. Luckily the rest of the trip was uneventful with another stopover in St George before arriving home early Wednesday morning.

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While on the rally a rumbling vibrating sound was coming from Trixie. With quick inspection in Pitt Town it was found the clutch throw out bearing had broken. A temporary adjustment was carried out and she got all the way home. Needless to say Trixie is in need of some repairs!

Queensland Heritage Rally – Biloela

In July we attended the Queensland Heritage Rally in Biloela which coincided with the Capricornia Club's annual rally. Since Luke is interested in tractors as well as implements, he made the effort to take some along. With Trixie also in tow, we ended up taking a road train load. Lucky we know someone with a road train and Luke's brother, Brett was happy to drive the truck up to Biloela for the weekend. Sometimes it's not what you know it's who you know! Thanks also to Skip, Brett and Michelle's father, Ken who helped drive the tractors in the Grand Parade.

Being a three day event there was plenty to do including three different workshops - blacksmithing, coopering and leather work. Luke, after many years of wanting to do blacksmithing he finally got the chance, making a set of blacksmith tongs.

We also got the chance to celebrate someone's special birthday on the Friday night along with Skip and several other friends of David. Happy Birthday David!!

It doesn't matter where you go, you're bound to run into someone you know and this time it was fellow Simca member, Eddie Abrahams who had spotted Leo in his Simca shirt running around with Michelle's parents. It was good to see another member and catch up.

Bye for now

Luke,
Michelle &
Leo



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Article by David Reeves

The (mis)Adventures of Alice in Central Wonderland (aka Queensland)

You will recall Alice's previous adventure around her drivers'-side wiper arm... well, the saga continues. The wiper arm which Skip and I located (only ONE appropriate amongst his collection of spare 'arms', and the wrecks at his place having no available arms) which had the correct fitting, did not fit! It seems the internal section which attaches to the spindle has worn and is no longer 'fit for purpose'!

During our recent rally, a fellow contacted the Facebook page with information about a wreck he had on his property in Pitt Town. Luke and I thought we might get a few parts off it, even though the pics he sent did indicate it was beyond restoration (Window glass and internal fittings for example... and hopefully windscreen wiper arms!). The vehicle was purchased, and Luke and co returned to Roma via Sydney after the rally, and informed me that there were no wiper arms on the car!! AARGH!!! Luke, Michelle, Leo and I are heading to Longreach this long weekend to pick up another P60 sedan, which, from pics, appears complete and fairly straight, and I hope has a drivers' side wiper arm in reasonable condition!! Luke has also located one at "the farm" and if all else fails, I still have the one that Skip and I found, and Luke may be able to utilise his engineering skills to devise a replacement 'locking device' for that arm.

Alice was very much looking forward to attending the Roma Historic Motor Club's rally in August, which involved a drive to Yuleba on Sunday 25th August to join in celebrations of the centenary of the last Cobb and Co. stage coach from Surat to Yuleba, in 1924 (steam trains had made significant inroads by then). Unfortunately, when we left home on the Friday morning (23rd), around the corner from home, I became distracted by the windscreen fogging up, and I hit a large rock in the middle of the road. I would like to clarify, that in Panorama Drive, Biloela, there are two circular traffic islands, which may be part of the local council's desire to improve the streetscape. Each island has a Bottle tree in the centre, already obscuring vision, so I can't imagine what they will be like in 20 years time! They grow quite large and develop quite the girth! Around each tree, there are some rather large rocks... nay, boulders.

Anyway, I was distracted by the fogging, and did not realise I was so far to the right. Fortunately, I did notice that Alice was on direct course for the bottle tree, so a quick swerve to the left avoided the tree, but not the rather large rock... nay, boulder to the left of it. Alice came to a rather sudden and

somewhat immediate stop. Fortunately, she was barely doing 30km/h, so major damage was avoided.

She hit the rock below the drivers' side headlight (which did not break and still works, although pointing downwards), damaging the grille, bumper bar, blinker, headlight surround, stone guard and mudguard. The mudguard and bumper were preventing the wheel from turning to the right, but a fellow who lived nearby helped me get Alice off the traffic island, and I slowly reversed her up the road slightly turning to the left and she remained in front of his house for the weekend. One way to meet the neighbours!

Once back from the rally on the Sunday afternoon, the gentleman who helped me, also helped remove the bumper bar and push the mudguard out, which enabled me to turn right as well as left. She is now home, has had a quote, the claim has gone in, and we are awaiting assessment before she goes down to Dave's Panel Works in Biloela (They specialise in restorations, so Alice will be in good hands.)






Of course, Biloela Mechanical Repairs did a good job on sorting the "running too hot" issue, and using his own temperature gauge, ascertained that the one in Alice was reading accurately. Craig checked many things, and we finally decided to try a thermostat that opens at 72 degrees. This seems to have done the trick, and I was very much looking forward to driving her to Moama/Echuca. Unfortunately, that did not happen, but word got out, and courtesy of Morrie and Rob, I have grilles, headlight surrounds, bumper bars, a stone guard and various other bits and pieces (no wiper arm, though!!)

She did go on display, along with Trixie, at the Queensland Heritage Rally in Biloela held from 19 - 21st July. There was an observation run on the Sunday morning, and as I am sure you all know the Huntlys and I enjoy competing with each other, as well as help each other out where we can. Having recent local knowledge was in Alice's favour, although Luke also has some knowledge of Biloela, so the stakes were high!

When the announcement of who won was made, it seemed there was a tie...so the tie-breaker was enabled. Unbeknownst to us, the participants were being timed, so it came down to which vehicle completed the run with the better time. Do I have to tell you that the tie was between Trixie and Alice... the Huntleys and David!! The Huntleys won! I have noticed at various rallies that Trixie really gets up and goes, and I wonder if Luke has fitted some sort of device, a supercharger, perhaps? It is all good fun!

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I do look forward to getting Alice back on the road and am very much looking forward to next September, when the Club's rally will return to Tasmania. See you all then!

	<p>Alice meets “The Rock”, but it is not Dwayne Johnson!</p>
	<p>Close up of her humiliation...</p>
	<p>At home, awaiting the next step.</p>
	<p>Luke showing his skills at changing oil, topping up coolant, changing spark plugs and replacing spare tyre... Carless gymkhana at Roma.</p>
	<p>Trixie, Simone and Bruce, Deniliquin during recent SIMCA Rally.</p>

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Skip, David, Luke, Michelle and Leo with Skip's WB Caprice. Hopefully he will bring Bruce to Roma next time!!



Simone, Trixie, Yvette and Bruce on display at Heritage Day, Port of Echuca, recent SIMCA Rally.



Participants at SIMCA Car Club of Australia Rally, 2024, Echuca/Moama.



Alice, the Elder Abuse number is 1800 441 169
Kindest regards, Mavis

SECRETARY'S REPORT - *by Iain Dyer*

Simca Car Club of Australia Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at the Echuca on 20th September, 2024 commencing at 5.10 PM.

Present: Luke, Michelle & Leo Huntley, Ian & Leila Dyer, Rob & Ina Stapley, David Reeves, Robbie Verhagen, James, Joan Hoey, Margaret & Morrie Barrett, Kerry & Josephine Ryan

Apologies: John Brown, Gerard Crombie, Richard & Lorraine Lane, Mile & Mary Osborne, Ian & Amanda Powell, Mel & Gelske Rogers, Don & Barbara Scanes, John & David Smith, John & Evelyn Pickles

President Rob Stapley in the chair.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were taken as read on the motion of Morrie Barrett seconded Ian Dyer

President's Report: The President, Rob Stapley.

Good afternoon, everybody and welcome to what should be the 24th AGM of the Simca Car Club of Australia although we might have missed one or two along the way. It is also good to catch up with friends who we don't see for long periods of time, and to reminisce about members who have passed away. We remember this year Pat Smith who was always enthusiastic about the Simca Club and a larger-than-life presence at Rallies with husband John. Such a shame their Simca never went to a rally. Also, Peter Gaggioni & Phil McCumisky.

I think thus far this Echuca Rally has been a resounding success and full marks to those who have travelled long distances to attend especially Skip who seems always up to the challenge of driving his wagon. It has been suggested that we hold a rally next year and hopefully get at least double the number of cars to attend.

I would like to thank the ladies who have worked hard to prepare the salads for our evening meals thus keeping costs down for us. I seem to remember at one Rally Morrie (I think)

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Cooking bacon and egg breakfasts but a bit chilly here for that sort of exercise and some accommodation venues doing pancakes for the whole Park on Sunday Morning.

I also thank Iain for the excellent job he does or has done as editor for a number of years, and for taking on the responsibility of Secretary, Treasurer last year when Doug Murphy resigned. Unexpectedly. The Swallow Tales are always looked forward to with anticipation by me not knowing what or who is going to be targeted not always complimentary. I think Leila has a fair input as well, so thank you Leila. Thank you also to the State Re who submit reports to Ian for inclusion in the Swallow Tales although some are tardy at times and cause Ian much angst and tearing out hair.

Rallies are a great opportunity to showcase our cars and I hope this tradition continues of course the support of our wives and partners is intragryal to a successful car household relationship, where would we be without their encouragement, or where would we be without our cars, couch potatoes comes to mind.

I apologies if I haven't thanked all I should have but a great team of people keep this Club running

Thank You

The report was accepted on the motion by David and seconded by Luke Huntley

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Iain Dyer presented the

Financial Report for the year.

Profit & loss

30th June, 2024

Opening Balance \$6,202.60

Income -Fees for the year \$1,395.00

Expenses

Swallow Tales \$871.81

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Dubbo Meeting 100.00

Website 355.57

\$1,371.58

Closing Balance \$6,226.22

The report was accepted on the motion of Rob Stapley, seconded by Luke Huntley

The Club now has 53 Members

The Secretary Thanked the Queensland Group for their help with the editors report and thanked Morrie for his help with the cars.

NSW Report

Currently there are 13 Simca's in NSW a Matra, 2 Vedettes, 2 P60's Grand Large

We have 11 financial members

John Brown has recently undergone treatment for nerve pain in the amputated leg, unfortunately it was not successful, He drives a modified vehicle however he doesn't travel far in it. John still has his Matra which is registered, he continues to work on his Matra Monera.

John is going to the French Car Day at Silverwater Park on 29th September. Don & Barbara Scanes have both had their issues, Don is on a restricted license now.

We have bought some parts for Alices restoration.

I am slowly downsizing my parts collection

The report was accepted on the motion of Margaet Barrett seconded by Robbie Verhagen

Victoria

N/A

South Australia Report

As per President's report

The report was accepted on the motion of Morrie Barrett seconded by David Reeves

Queensland Report

The Report was accepted on the motion of Leila Dyer seconded by Robbie Verhagen

Western Australia Report

N/A

New Zealand

N/A

The President declared all positions vacant and invited Joan Hoey to act as Returning Officer for the Election of Office Bearers.

The following new Office Bearers were elected un opposed.

Office Elected Moved by Seconded by

President Luke Huntley Rob Stapley Morrie Barrett

Secretary/Treasurer

Ian Dyer Ina Stapley Kerry Ryan

NSW Rep Morrie Barrett Rob Stapley Leila Dyer

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The AGM concluded at 6.00 pm, when the General Meeting was resumed.

John Pickles, Don & Barbara Scanes, Lorraine & Richard Laney spoke on the phone:

Wishing all well and sorry not being present. Congratulations to Luke for being elected President

Luke Huntley took the chair as President

Thank you to Rob & Ina for putting the Rally together, the ladies for organizing the food of a night and Rob & Robbie for doing the BBQ's

It was agreed to keep the Swallow Tales Quarterly.


A Discussion was had on future meetings it was agreed to have them annually.

Future places was discussed- Tweed Heads, Tenterfield, Tasmania, consensus was for Tasmania next year and research for the following year. Next years Rally will be held

23rd-29th September, 2025.

The report was accepted on the motion of Margaret Barrett seconded by Robbie Verhagen

Meeting closed at 6.27



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PS - From the Editor...

Please remember any contributions welcome or suggestions.

Reminders:
The 2024 renewal of membership is due on January 1st 2024. If you are overdue, please pay now. Don't forget members can pay their subscriptions by bank transfer or to the club secretary.

Electronic Funds transfer (EFT)
BSB: 633-000 Bendigo Bank (branch at Braidwood NSW)
Account number: 135350668

Please identify who is paying and for what if possible in the reference section with name and subs amount.

Don't forget to fill out Renewal Form attached so that all your details are correct/current. Please don't copy them from the previous year.



Breaking News

**A big shout out to
Morrie Barrett for
Organising the trophies.
They are very classy
and elegant. Same as
our members and cars.**

SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc.



**CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/
RENEWAL January – December 2025**

Please **print all** names for family/joint membership

Surname: _____ **GivenName/s** _____

Postal Address

_____ **State** _____ **Postcode** _____ Please indicate (x) in the boxes for any personal information you do not wish to be published by the Simca Car Club Australia Inc.

Contact Details: Home/Work Phone: _____
Mobile: _____
Email: _____

New Membership Applications: How did you hear about Simca Car Club of Australia?

Facebook **Website** **Word of Mouth** **Other**
Details.....

Would you prefer to receive your club newsletter via email? YES NO
First Application - Do you own a Simca/s? YES NO Please provide details below. Renewing Application – Any changes to your existing cars from last year? (No., type, condition, etc)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Simca Car Club Australia Inc. membership operates from: 1st January to 31st December each year. All Membership Fees are due and payable each Year on: 1st January

Annual Subscriptions are currently: Single \$40 Family/Joint: \$45

Signature/s: _____
Date: _____ (Both signatures required for Family/joint membership)

Please pay by EFT, Cheque or PayPal to Simca Car Club Australia Inc. & return this form to:

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