



# SWALLOW TALES

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**SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc.**

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Our Simca's first run since last registered in 1970



## SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc

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.

The Club maintains a register of Simca owners through our specialist Registrar for both Simca and Simca Vedette.

The views or opinions offered by members in this newsletter – Swallow Tales may not necessarily represent the views or opinions of the Committee of Management.

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<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	Pending

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

Greetings all,

Another three months has rushed by. Friends are saying, “Hasn’t it been a cold winter, glad to see the end of it.” I don’t know what they are talking about, it’s been toasty warm for me. I have spent the entire winter, in my shed, with the drum heater glowing cheerily. Who ever thought up the idea of manufacturing a kit to turn a 44 gallon drum into a heater, is brilliant. First it was finishing the Porsche, ongoing since Christmas and secondly the Simca. I couldn’t have done it without Leila’s help, friends say she is the best T/A they have ever seen. Mysteriously, as soon as I put something down, it disappears. We made a large list, pinned it to the wall and went for it.

During the week I got a salvo from our esteemed President. “What’s this about driving a Peugeot 307 on a Simca Rally?” What he didn’t know, is other members who are flying in, are welcome to use the Simca. Since then the car was parked outside our house and got written off. It was raining and a young idiot came flying down our road, lost it and did a 180 spin right into our 307. His father arrived, a cop, two more cops arrived and we had a cop fest. He managed to slam the old Subaru into the gutter 100 meters from our house do a 180 degree spin and grind our car 3 meters down the gutter. The trio of cops all agreed he would have only been doing 60k, the wet road was to blame. I only hope if I am at risk of being murdered, ring the cops, the assailant is not related to the attending copper. Fortunately we also have a 308 Wagon.

The Simca got it’s first roadworthy since 1970 this week and passed with flying colours. We took it on a trip up into the snow country, to run it in. Yes folks, there was still snow on the mountains.



I bought these Simca Racing Decals off John Pickles 10 years ago. It was the first rally we ever attended at Mildura. Rob Stapley was in charge and we really enjoyed it.

Friends of ours are horrified, saying “You can’t put that on the car, you will look a right Pratt.” I have honed that look for 72 years and got rather good at it, so like it or lump it. Getting back to our drive to the mountains, the car was delightful to drive. A few small issues arose, which we have subsequently attended to. The only reservation I have, is the cars ride. Fine on



smooth roads, but a bit choppy on rough stuff.



I have gone for “The bad to the bone” race car look with one and a half inch drop, Pedder’s suspension and 6” wheels with new Continental Radials. I’m assured the suspension will settle in, but I hope our guest’s fillings will stay intact. With this set up it does handle like a race car.

One of my great mates looked over the car and commented, “Noddy goes to Monte Carlo!” His classic car is an Austin A70 and if that doesn’t shout “Noddy,” I don’t know what does. Besides that, it doesn’t go! Mind you, he has put in countless hours, going through the entire car and has become a Simca fan. He likes the P60. I might add he was a former Formula 2 state champion and several times Formula Vee state champion.

Not long now to our National Rally and there is still plenty to do. Safe travelling to all those travelling to Tasmania and we really look forward to catching up. To those club members who aren’t attending the rally, it is our intention to produce a separate rally edition. The club is in a strong position, both membership wise and financially which is very pleasing. We are custodians of vehicles that have all but disappeared from the Australian motoring scene. Equally important, we are custodians of friendships, forged over many years. Long may it continue.

Kindest regards to all,  
Iain and Leila Dyer

## PRESIDENTS REPORT - by Rob Stapley

Hi all from your president.

The rally is upon us. At the time of writing we board the ferry Wednesday night the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October and arrive Thursday morning early. Iain and Leila will meet us and direct us to our breakfast and later to our lodgings. Just a couple or three reminders. If leaving your car and or trailer in Melbourne it should be booked by now. Details were in March Swallow Tales. During the rally our AGM will be held when all committee positions will become vacant and election of new office bearers. Also, proposals for 2021 rally will be asked for so if you think your state should be running a rally put forward a suggestion to be discussed, possibly Vic or NSW's turn.

That's all that comes to mind for the present, we look forward to seeing you in October.

Cheers Robert.



Rob with that "Make my day" look.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - *by Doug Murphy*

SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held 27 October 2018  
Hiberian Hotel Beechwood Vic

President Morrie Barrett opened the meeting at 10.17 am

**Members in Attendance:** Pat Smith, John Smith, Margaret Barrett, Josephine Ryan, Kerry Ryan, Leila Dyer, Iain Dyer, Robert Stapley, Peter Gaggioni, Mel Rogers, Gelske Rogers, Ian Powell, Rob Verhagen, Michelle Huntly, Luke Huntly, Louise Beling, Andy Woodson, Peter Mayne, Doug Murphy, Morrie Barrett. There were three visitors, ex member Fred Schodde, Mandy McCormack and Louise Beling. and several apologies (Refer the Attendance Record Sheet). New member Peter Mayne was welcomed as were Andy and Louise Woodson

**Apologies:** Geoff & Ruth Rose, John Pickles

Minutes of the Special General Meeting (held at Tweed Heads) were read.

**Business Arising:**

**Acceptance of the Minutes:** Moved Barbara Smith, seconded Margaret Barrett Carried.

**Correspondence Inwards:**

Tyson Boyce UK – wants info on upcoming events

Renault Car Club of Qld – Bonjour Day on the Gold Coast 10-12 Nov 2017

Rob Ward – 2 Aronde gearboxes

Gerard Scott – new member inquiry

Richard Dobson – inquiry re Aronde water pump

Damian O'Brien – wanting to sell Simca 1000 parts stored in NZ

Andreas – Vedette for sale in Sweden

Mike Knoche – Vedette for Sale?

Amy Pearce – new member application

Webpage – Members only – Tousley case sensitive

Robert Dean – straightline shifters for sale

Colin Furnari – Vedette for sale?

Citroen Club of SA – invitation to All French Day 2018

Bastille Day Melbourne 14/15 July

Mark Cooper on behalf of Bill Cross, Temora – looking for Vedette parts

John Pickles – intending new member Justin Walker  
Stewart Lister – looking for contact, selling a Vedette in Waikato NZ  
Laurie Borg – looking for parts and info on 1961 Monthlery  
Graham Porter – donating workshop manuals & has an Aronde radiator for sale  
Peter Hamilton – donating workshop manuals

**Correspondence Outwards:**

Adelaide Chrysler Festival  
Beechworth AGM & Armour Motel  
Correspondence with other Committee members, members and intending members.

**Financial Report:**

The Financial Statements relate to the financial year 2018 (i.e. 12 months to 30 June 2018).

In 2018, main features were:

An increase in operating surplus (“net profit”) from -\$1980.47 to +\$1451.10, a consequence of a reduced revenue (\$2305.14 to \$1925), and a big reduction in expenditures (from \$4285.61 to \$473.90). The large expenditures in the 2017 year were associated with the June 2017 Rally on the Gold Coast.

Without Rally expenditure in 2018, combined with revenue collection (almost all member subscriptions), the increase in revenue – stored as cash at bank, has resulted in a jump of net Club assets from \$4996.95 to \$6448.05.

**SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.**  
Financial Statement : Year ending 30.6.18

	30.6.2017	30.6.2018
<b>INCOME</b>		
Annual Subscriptions	\$ 2,045.00	Annual Subs. 1915.00
Raffle	\$ -	Raffle -
Donations	\$ 10.14	Donations 10.00
Bearings & Tail Lights		Tail Lights
Rally	\$ 250.00	Rally
		Lenses
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,305.14</b>	<b>1925.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Secretary Exp.	\$ 96.55	Secretary Exp./Postage 75.65
Newsletter	\$ 580.21	Newsletter 135.93
Namebadges	\$ 8.70	Namebadges
Fairtrading	\$ 44.00	Fairtrading 95.00
Stickers & Posters	\$ 97.60	Stickers & Posters
2017 Rally	\$ 2,277.35	2017 Rally
Keyrings & Torches	\$ 1,004.26	Keyrings & torches
Website Costs	\$ 176.94	Website Costs 163.98
		Bank/Paypal Fee 3.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,285.61</b>	<b>473.90</b>
<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>-\$ 1,980.47</b>	<b>1451.10</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	\$ 4,996.95	Cash at Bank 6448.05
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,996.95</b>	<b>6448.05</b>

**BALANCE SHEET - 30.06.18**

Balance brought forward	4996.95
Add Income Amount	1925.00
Balance	6921.95
Deduct Expenses Amount	473.90
Balance as at 30.6.18	6448.05



This Report was published in *Swallow Tales* and is attached for the benefit of members present.

**Moved** that the Financial Report be accepted; Doug Murphy, seconded Margaret Barrett. Carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**President's Report:** President Morrie thanked Ian Powell and Mandy McCormack for their time and efforts in visiting Beechwood and planning the car runs. Morrie advised that he would not be accepting nomination for any committee position. He thanked the Committee members for their contributions and mentioned that Geoff and Ruth Rose were not attending, they were attending to Ruth's health needs.

### **Membership Report:**

During the membership year there were 6 new members and 8 non renewals. These are listed below:-

#### New members 1.7.2017 – 30.09.2018

Gerard Scott  
Andrew Woodson  
Karl Teigesser  
William Cross  
Justin Walker  
Peter Mayne

#### Members not renewed in 2018

Chris Bailey  
John Coleiro  
Tracey Finch  
Steve Korezelids  
Geoff Lee  
Vince Parisi  
Delano Pinto & Pamala Fernando  
John Wilyman

Three new members have joined the Club two members have left the Club during 2016-17. Since 30 June, we have one new member Belinda Platt (who is the daughter of Bill Heritage) Welcome Belinda. Doug read out Colin Smith's email advising he would not be renewing his membership. It was moved Morrie Barrett, seconded Luke Huntly, that Colin and Lucy Smith be made Life Members in recognition of their long and dedicated

association with the Club. Carried. Morrie will contact Colin and send a trophy?

**Victoria Rep:** No report.

**NSW Rep:** Ian mentioned the All French Car Day and the Hawk's Nest Ti Gardens Rally. He thanked Morrie and Margaret for their services as President and Public Officer.

**Qld Rep:** Leo Huntley, now three months old, is the Club's potential newest member. Luke and Michelle have been along to meets conducted by other clubs at Dalby and Roma. At the All French Car Day in July in Brisbane, there were six Simcas. At that event, Eddie Abrahams, Geoff and Ruth Rose, were present and made welcome.

**Tasmanian Rep:** Iain thanked key contributors of articles to *Swallow Tales* and he made mention of important contributors - John Pickles, Luke and Michelle Huntly, Colin and Lucy Smith.

**South Australian Rep:** Rob advised periodically Mel gets his Vedette out for a run, a Vedette purchased from John Pickles has gone to the new owner in the Riverland, in February the Chrysler Club of Qld in conjunction with our Club, had a field trip to Tonsley Park, the site of the main assembly building where Simcas were assembled from components imported from France.

**Western Australia Rep:** No report.

**New Zealand Rep:** No report.

**Election of Club Committee:** The elected committee offices below accepted nomination, and, after being formally nominated and seconded, were elected by a majority of the members present.

	Standing	Nominated	Seconded
<b>Carried</b>			
<b>President</b>	Rob Stapely	Ian Dyer	Kerry Ryan
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Doug Murphy	Morrie Barrett	Rob Verhagen
<b>Editor</b>	Iain Dyer	Doug Murphy	Pat Smith
<b>NSW/ACT Rep</b>	Ian Powell	Kerry Ryan	Mel Rogers
<b>Vic/Tas</b>	Peter Gaggioni	Andy Woodhouse shared role, Iain Dyer	
<b>WA</b>	John Pickles (in absentia)	Iain Dyer	Kerry Ryan
<b>Qld</b>	Luke Huntly	Doug Murphy	Margaret Barrett
<b>SA/NT</b>	Rob Stapely	Iain Dyer	Morrie Barrett
<b>NZ</b>	Gerard Crombie (in absentia)	Kerry Ryan	Iain Dyer

**Public Officer** Ian Powell Margaret Barrett Pat Smith Note  
SCCA Inc is incorporated in NSW

### General Business:

The newly elected President, Rob Stapely, thanked Morrie and Margaret Barrett for their valuable service to the Club. It was moved, Morrie Barrett, that Colin and Lucy Smith be appointed Life Members, seconded Luke Huntly, carried. Morrie to contact Colin and follow up with commendation. Doug brought some workshop manuals, donated to the Club for any member who wanted one. New member Peter Mayne has been looking for a P60 manual and was delighted to receive one. Doug suggested a workshop manual be provided to each new member, Ian is willing to scan manuals so copies can be sent out. It was moved by Morrie, seconded Ian, that this proposal be put into effect. Carried. The next AGM and Rally is to be held in Launceston. Iain is looking for guidance and lessons learned from the June 2017 Rally on the Gold Coast. There was discussion about using Club funds for rallies. It was agreed that Club funds were needed for common expenses like printing and trophies. Based on the Queensland experience, it was agreed that \$2000 of Club funds be allocated to assist running the 2019 AGM and Rally moved Morrie, seconded John Smith. A motion moved by Morrie and seconded by John Smith, was carried. A committee to support Iain and Leila should they request it, was formed and includes Skip, Kerry, Ian and Mandy. Timing of the 2019 AGM and Rally attracted a lot of discussion; Kerry would like to see it organised for after the Bay to Birdwood Rally (29 September 2019); the program is organised over 8 days, with day runs in Northern Tasmania (similar to the Qld events in June 2017); Rob requested that background information be published in the next issue of Swallow Tales; Doug suggested that Qld could host the 2020 AGM and runs, south of the border, perhaps in Eucha.

On the question of having more stickers produced, Skip will contact Kerry and John Pickles to have more stickers produced in WA.

Doug mentioned at the present time, anyone can access the Club's web page (and to the point where anyone can read the Newsletters, without joining the Club. It would be a step forward if there where a section where only members access, this would give Club members priority in some areas. That a website, accessible only by members be set up was moved Morrie Barrett, seconded Skip Verhagen, carried.

Doug also mentioned, in the Constitution, Appendix A is for new membership applications and Appendix B is for membership renewals. The form on the web page is for renewing members which causes confusion for new members; what is required is a common form. Also, to lift efficiency,

just one letter be sent to new members, this letter will contain the welcome together with the membership number, receipt plus windscreen sticker and membership list (of those who agree to release of their information). A pro forma letter is appended. This motion is to be considered at the next Special Meeting.

Stephen mentioned that car parts are available on the internet from Great Britain and Cyprus; he has a friend in the Citroen Club in Brisbane who can make reproduction bakelite parts. Stephen suggested a list of parts suppliers be prepared. Doug advised that quite a range of moulded rubber or plastic parts for Vedette and Aronde have been produced on the Gold Coast. Doug to make up such a list. John Pickles has said these parts could be put on ebay and orders taken to produce some production volume. Margaret considers the Club only have parts made where orders are prepaid, to avoid the Club being stuck with unsold stock. Skip suggested the Club have a Paypal account. In moving forward, Stephen volunteered to be the 'merchandising' officer taking orders for parts the Club advertises on ebay.

***Simca Aronde Registrar:*** The position of Simca Aronde Registrar was filled at the 2008 AGM by Kerry Ryan and will remain until such time as Kerry Ryan submits a formal notice that he is no longer able to fulfil this position.

**Closing of Meeting:** There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.25pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary/Treasurer 2017-18

### **Signed as a True Record**

Doug Murphy.....  
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer 2017-18  
Date.....

Morrie Barrett.....  
President 2017-18  
Date.....

### **Attachments:**

Financial Report  
Common Renewal/New Membership form  
Proforma letter to new members





## **SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.**

### ***NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at 2:30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Riviera Hotel, 19 Lenborough St, Beauty Point TASMANIA

## **BUSINESS**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Hiberian Hotel, Beechwood VIC
- 2. Correspondence**
- 3. Financial Report** for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- 4. Reports :**
  - a. **President**
  - b. **Secretary**
  - c. **Editor**
  - d. **NSW State Representative**
  - e. **QLD. State Representative**
  - f. **S.A. State Representative**
  - g. **VIC. State Representative**
  - h. **W.A. State Representative**
  - i. **New Zealand Representative**
- 5. Election of Club Committee:**
  - a. **President**
  - b. **Secretary**
  - c. **Editor**
  - d. **NSW State Representative**
  - e. **QLD. State Representative**
  - f. **S.A. State Representative**
  - g. **VIC. State Representative**
  - h. **W.A. State Representative**
  - i. **New Zealand Representative**
  - j. **Registrar – All Simcas**
  - k. **Registrar of Simca Aronde**

### **6. General Business**

Doug Murphy  
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer  
29 August, 2019



**Simca Car Club Australia Inc.****New members 1.7.2018 – 30.09.2019**

Peter Mayne

Laurie & Joshua Borg

Andrew Broadhurst

Allan Cruikshank

Greg Bakes & Cassandra Loretta

**Members not renewed in 2019**

Paul Evans

Stephen & Therese Maloney

Ivan Smith

Karl Teigesser

Justin Walker

As at 22/08/2019 - 43 Financial Members + Life Members (Nance Hodge,  
John & Evelyn Pickles,  
Colin & Lucy Smith)

**Secretary and Treasurer's Report SCCA 2018-2019**

The main features of the financial accounts in the last fiscal year are:

- Revenues were pretty stable before adding in the Rally Registration fees of \$50. This amount has increased substantially since 30 June and at 1 September was \$750.
- Expenditures were almost double, due to increased cost of newsletter production and distribution plus early expenses associated with organising the 2019 Rally. It was agreed at the 2018 AGM, that \$2000 of Club funds be made available to finance common costs of conducting the 2019 Rally. This was an early estimate and the final cost is likely to be about \$3000.
- The Balance Sheet balance – Cash at Bank, stood at \$8131.34 at 30 June.

**SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.**  
Financial Statement : Year ending 30.6.19

30.6.2018			30.6.2019			
INCOME						
Annual Subscriptions	\$	1,915.00	Annual Subs.	\$	1,965.00	
Raffle	\$	-	Raffle			
Donations	\$	10.00	Donations	\$	10.00	
Bearings & Tail Lights			Tail Lights			
Rally			Rally-2019	\$	650.00	
			Lenses			
TOTAL		\$	1,925.00	2625.00		
EXPENDITURE						
Secretary Exp.	\$	75.65	Secretary Exp./Postage		31.55	
Newsletter	\$	135.93	Newsletter		657.17	
Namebadges			Namebadges		17.98	
Fairtrading	\$	95.00	Fairtrading			
Stickers & Posters			Laminator & Pockets		44.92	
2017 Rally	\$	-	2017 Rally			
Keyrings & Torches	\$	-	Keyrings & torches			
Website Costs	\$	163.98	Website Costs		186.75	
Bank/Paypal Fee		3.34	Bank/Paypal Fee		3.34	
TOTAL		\$	473.90	941.71		
NET PROFIT / LOSS		\$	1,451.10	1683.29		
ASSETS		Cash at Bank	\$	6,448.05	Cash at Bank	8131.34
LIABILITIES						0.00
NET ASSETS		\$	6,448.05			8131.34

**BALANCE SHEET - 30.06.19**

Balance brought forward	6448.05
Add Income Amount	2625.00
Balance	9073.05
Deduct Expenses Amount	941.71
Balance as at 30.6.18	8131.34



QUEENSLAND REPORT - *by Luke Huntly*

Hi Everyone, the Queensland members have had the opportunity to attend a couple of events since our last report. The first one being the French Car Day which saw five cars on display with the Huntly's in the Etoile, David with his wagon, Skip's Aronde driven by Mark, Kerry in his 9A and Morrie in the Grand Large. Congratulations to David who won the trophy for 'Best of Other Makes' and also to Skip for receiving the 'Most Interesting Peugeot' award for his 404 station wagon.





Doug also reports below on the Chrysler Expo . . .

It was great to see Skip, David and Kerry at the Chrysler Expo, on Fathers' Day. A good rollup for us. Towards the end of the program, there was the handing of trophies and there was one for the best Simca. As the aforementioned had left, the trophy was handed to me. So now I display it and it's dubbed the Default Prize.

Chrysler Expo was described by the Rocklea Showgrounds Manager as the biggest car show of its type held there in the last five years. The Showgrounds was almost at capacity, space wise.

The interesting thing is that 2018 was indicative of the need for change, if the Club didn't do anything, the event would wither on the vine. In fact there are about 4 or 5 events no longer held at the Showgrounds, through lack of interest. The root cause is the ageing population, younger people are not joining to replace those who are leaving. It's very widespread and it's affecting all sorts of clubs and associations.

So at Expo, we invited a wide range and number of exhibitors on a vintage and historical theme plus trade stalls, swap meet sellers. There must have been 200+ Mopars. So this sets the scene for next year, it will be bigger and even more varied. Come along September 6, Fathers' Day.



One man admiring the Simcas said he had some old photographs of them, so I invited him to send them over, and these are attached. Very interesting. Can't get any details, date etc.









We would also like to extend an invitation to the Roma Historical Motor Club's 2020 Easter in the Country Rally . . .



# Save the Date

The Roma Historical Motor Club  
*Presents*  
Easter in the Country Rally 2020

Easter Weekend 10th-12th April 2020  
Theme "Heroes"

Further details to come

Looking forward to catching up with some members at the rally in Tasmania.  
Kind Regards,  
Luke & Michelle

**WESTERN WHISPERS – WA STATE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT –***By John Pickles*

## **WESTERN WHISPERS**

WA State Representatives Report – By John Pickles

**With the chilly weather we are experiencing in WA, it appears the sheds are too cold to play with the old cars as I have not received any progress reports from local members. Having said that, a number of our Eastern States members have been corresponding and sharing information which will in time help to have their cars on the road and in pristine condition.**

**The most exciting news to come my way was word from Lucio Cesario that he has just purchased the Abarth Simca from Allan Cruikshank. You may remember from the article in the last issue that Lucio’s father was the original owner who shipped the car together with his family to Australia in the early 1960’s ..... the car is back home where it belongs and the restoration will begin in earnest.**

**A car that will not present in pristine condition is the ABARTH SIMCA 1300GT now belonging to Lucio which is to be exhibited at the “2019 MOTORCLASSICA” being held at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne from 11 – 13 October 2019. Abarth cars are to be feature of the show and the 1300GT will be shown as a restoration in progress. The dates of the show fall in nicely with the finish of our Simca Rally in Tasmania and those heading home might take the opportunity to take in the show and meet our member Lucio. Of this Simca, it is interesting to know that it’s the 70th year anniversary of being the first Abarth Simca to have raced in Australia and in addition to that Lucio was the first contracted driver to have raced for the Abarth/Lancia works team in 1985.**

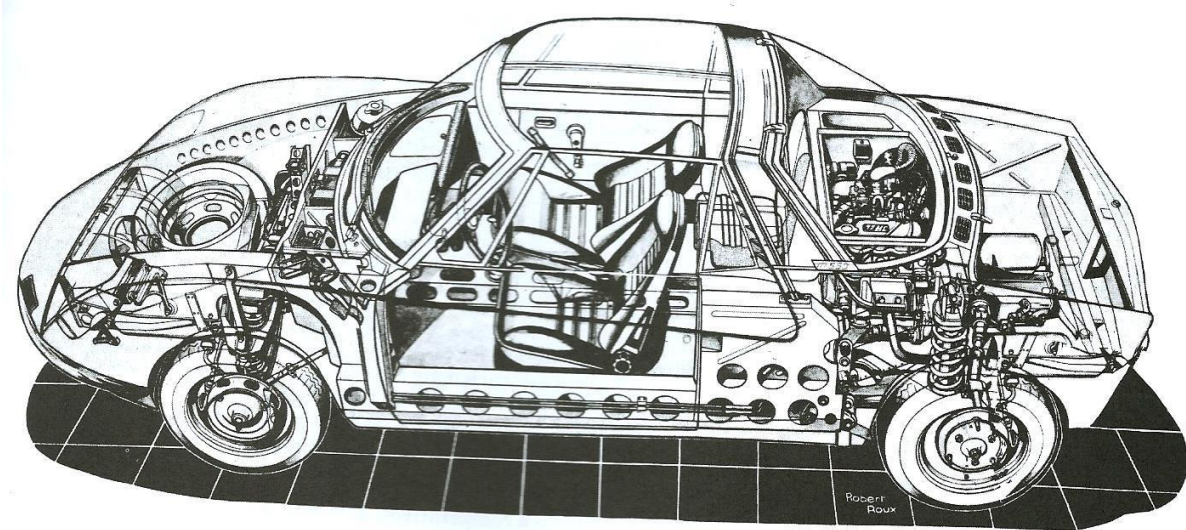
**Another Simca rare to Australia is the 1000 Coupe which has been under restoration by Peter Walker and I believe is now close to completion.**

**Our new member Greg Bakes has taken possession of his newly acquired Simca Vedette Beaulieu and working hard to bring it back to original. While the car has been re-upholstered it is missing all the interior door panel metal trims so if you can help Greg with these please contact him at [gregbakes@gmail.com](mailto:gregbakes@gmail.com)**

**While on the subject of restorations, the Aussiefrogs site published some pictures of rare Matra M 530 sitting abandoned in farm paddock in the South West of WA. This model of the Matra was in production 1967-1973 of which 9,609 were built. The M 530 was largely similar**



to the previous Jet model but was powered by a Ford Taurus 17- M engine in front of the rear axle. When Simca took over Matra in 1969 the car changed its name to Matra-Simca 530. The Matra M was available in several versions; the LX was the deluxe model with a roof that could be removed in two sections.

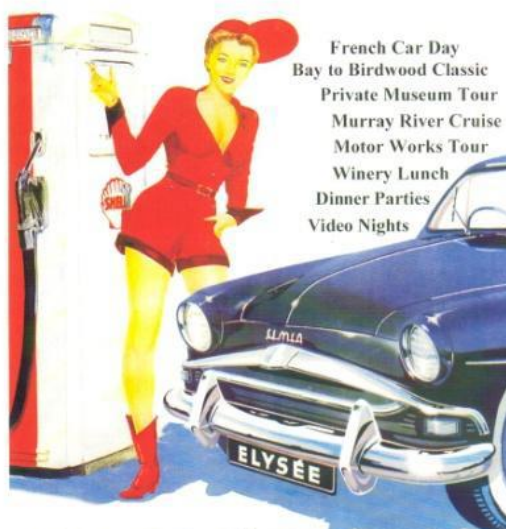






With the 10th Australian National Simca Meet just around the corner it may be time to reflect on the great times had by those attending the past events. A few photographs from the archives to refresh the memories.

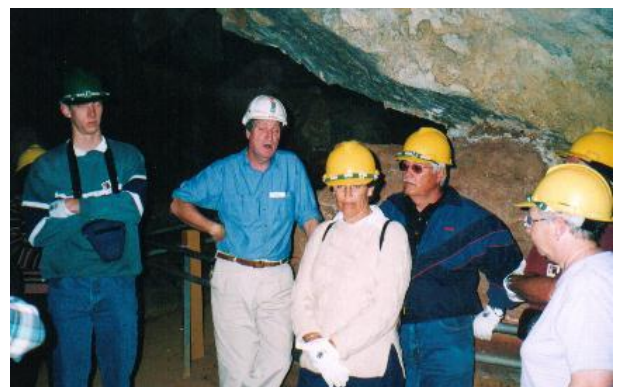
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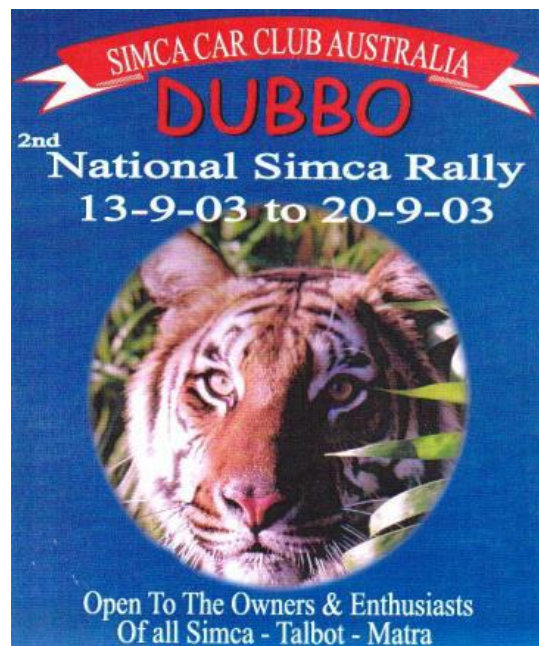
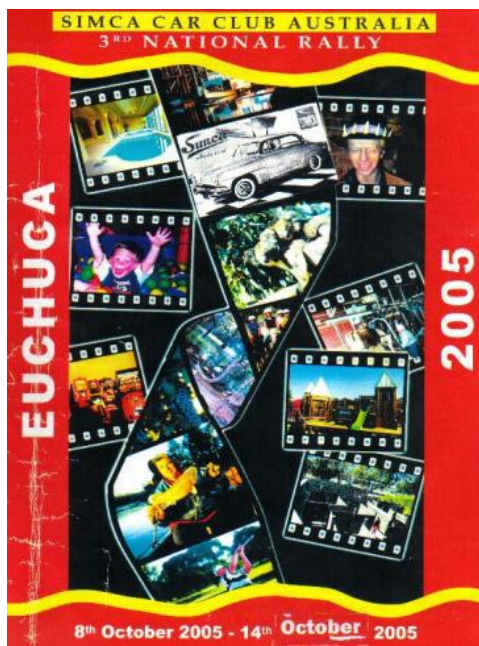
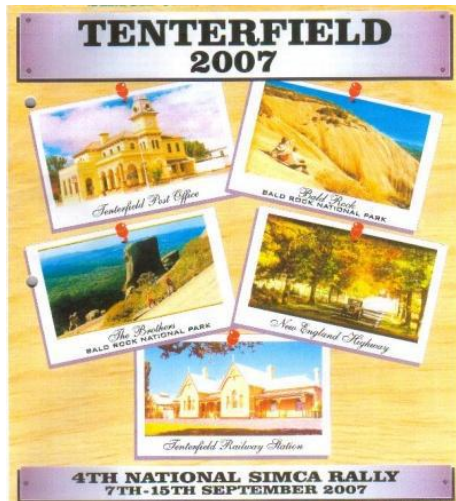
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**“LIFE IS GREAT”**

The Simca Aronde previously owned and restored by our member Rob Lewis and sold to a lady down south is now advertised as for sale on the Facebook Marketplace Western Australia with the asking price of \$5,000. Rob done a nut and bolt restoration of this car and the paint job alone cost more than what is asked for the vehicle, however from what I hear is that car has deteriorated from being left in an open sided carport resulting in some apparent rust on the boot line and rust to the rear chrome bumpers. Perhaps \$3,000 might make it a good buy?



From all us Sandgropers of the West, we wish those attending the Simca Rally an enjoyable and safe time and wish we were there to share it with you.

John Pickles.



## VICTORIAN/ TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT –

*by Andy Woodson*

Hi from Victoria. A little Simca tale. Recently, Louise and I were having a coffee at the Benalla Art Gallery. My Simca was parked out the front, and as we walked out of the Gallery, I noticed an elderly gentleman admiring the vehicle. He told me his name was Ron and that he had noticed my Simca in town on several occasions and was hoping to meet the owner. Naturally, I was curious, and then he handed me a small tool with the word Simca moulded on the side of it. The tool is the one that removes the diff and gearbox filler plug. Ron said that he owned a Simca in his youth, and had that tool still in his shed and was pleased to meet a current day Simca owner and donate the tool. A coincidence and kind gesture. Thanks Ron. Not a lot has been happening during the cold months, however, we did get along to the Wagga Swap meet and then in early August to the Cobram Show and Shine and Swap meet. Plenty of old cars and Motor bikes were on display, and I've provided a few good pics. The only European cars there was a vw beetle ute, and a nice old 1924 Sunbeam, More Jap vehicles are beginning to appear at shows these days. A few big events are coming up in spring. Shepparton, Euroa and Bendigo all have massive swap meets and vehicle displays which are always a joy to attend. Thanks, See you all in Launceston, Beauty point in October. Andy Woodson









SOUTH AUSTRALIA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - *by Robert Stapley*

## S.A. State rep

Well time flies and we are fast running out of time to prepare for rally. I feel for Mel who's Vedette is experiencing front suspension problems, springs and shockers and he can't seem to get the problem sorted, what's more Gelske's away for 2 months overseas so he's probably hanging out for a good home cooked meal. Takeaway, although filling, somehow doesn't taste as good.

On the home front Ina's 90A hasn't had a good run for a while so as soon as the weather improves she will be out and about. Sept 1st is old car day in S.A. and owners are encouraged to get their cars out and go for a drive. As usual we will be going to the Barossa for a picnic with several other clubs. Then the bay to Birdwood on the last Sunday of September and the 90A is out again. Then 2 days later we start out to Tasmania. We will travel to Melbourne on Tuesday which gives us all day Wednesday to settle the car trailer in storage and proceed to ferry. Excitement is building. Cheers Robert and Ina.



"Pretty Lady." Puts Julia Roberts in the shade.

**NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – *by Ian Powell***

A quiet time through winter for NSW apart from the French Car Day in Sydney where John Brown, Morrie, Don myself got along with our cars, photo, and also to meet new member Greg Bakes and hear about his newly purchased Vedette, Greg has been sent an ecopy of the Vedette workshop manual by the club (thanks to Mal who lent me his manual a while ago to copy). It was great to see John Brown with his Bagheera which was the club's representative for best in show, saddled up next to the eventual R8 Gordini winner.

John is intending to sell his Bagheera and continue working on his Murena to have it on the road. I was interested to see and hear some comparisons of fuel sender units between Fiats and Bagheera's from some of the small Matra fraternity on the day as well.

A couple of other photos show some classic cars at the Newcastle Euro Car day reported in the last edition.

As I write this I've just arrived in Melbourne from Port Stephens after two 7 hour drives around the coast stopping at Narooma. The first night run was rain all the way and the second windy and dry. The coast road is certainly the choice if you have time. The Bagheera is now in Melbourne, in one piece, for the ferry trip to Devonport.

We look forward to catching up with fellow members in Tasmania.

Regards

Ian









## NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -

**New Zealand Representative Report – Gerard Crombie**

Since the last Magazine, wherein we had just completed our significant 1200km run to Stratford in Taranaki, our more recent trips for the Simca have mainly been very local, just to give the car a run. This weekend however we have participated in the Daffodil Rally for Cancer, a charity event jointly run by VCC and the Cancer Society, from Auckland to Warkworth followed by a car display. The return trip for the Simca was 165km.

The weather for the Daffodil Day run was wet with heavy showers but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm and in excess of 150 assorted classic cars participated plus a group of classic motor scooters. We were joined on the rally, by my sister and her husband who had not previously travelled some of the back roads the rally route took to our destination. They enjoyed the slower pace and the opportunity to travel the older style roads and country scenery. We unfortunately recently travelled the same route when SH1 was closed due to an accident and experienced the resulting bedlam and inadequacy of six one lane bridges in fifteen kilometres trying to handle heavy two way traffic. This weekend the road was well able to handle the classics and slower speeds. There was a good crowd of interested locals plus rally participants at the end car display which contributed to it being a great day. We ourselves made it a long weekend and only came back today (Tuesday).

I've had a busy time recently, just a couple of weeks ago I retired from work but in the lead up to retiring had an amount of work I had agreed to complete before finishing. We had also booked a couple of weeks in Perth and Western Australia, which we very much enjoyed, but still had work to finish on return.

I talked to Colin Smith before writing this, he has had his knee joint replacement operation but at time of writing the knee is very much more painful than it should be and he's been back in hospital for diagnosis of digestive problems. Although he is now back home again he's not feeling very well and is on a very restricted diet. He also tells me he has reduced his fleet of vehicles by two more cars, namely two Austins, this is in addition to the Simca 1000 mentioned last magazine.

I have also heard from Ivan Smith and he tells me that the Ariane has been sitting with water in the sump oil for a time and he has a plan to drain it and pull the head off in the immediate future.

Although we have done our main bookings for Tasmania we need to get back to planning and arranging the remainder of our trip. We are looking

forward to meeting up again with those we last saw in Coolangatta and other club members.

Here are some pics from the Daffodil Charity Run for Cancer. A couple of particularly interesting vehicles were a Madza MX5 that has been converted to an EV vehicle (downside is having a range of only 70km between charges) and a Mini ute that thinks it's a Mack truck. The Mini looks the part, all the right accessories and big trailer, sounds the part, as it has a big rig horn and also acts the part as it's used as an oversized load pilot vehicle.



The Mini ute that thinks it's a Mack truck-used as a pilot vehicle for oversized loads.



An electric Mazda MX5!!









Daffodil Rally cars arriving at Warkworth





Photos courtesy of Alan Jones- early racing shots.



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Stripped out Simca P60 Autocross car.

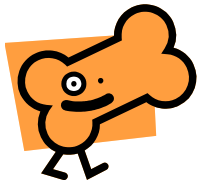


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Rather pretty Lotus or Elfin lookalike special, Simca powered. Note the pit area surface more akin to a gravel pit than a race car pit.



### *Funny Bones*

#### The selfless Irish!

The Irish never hesitate to come to the aid of their fellow man (fellow air passengers, in this case)!

Shortly after take-off on an outbound, evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat, will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10 hour flight."


Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."

"Be decisive. Right or wrong,  
make a decision. The road of  
life is paved with flat squirrels  
who couldn't make a  
decision."  
~Unknown~



**Did you know on  
the Canary  
Islands there is  
not one canary?  
And on the  
Virgin Isles?  
Same thing - not  
one canary there  
either!**

A wise man once said  
nothing.



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Please remember any contributions welcome or suggestions.

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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

Geoff and Ruth Rose have been having a battle these last couple of weeks. Ruth has been in hospital with fluid around the heart. Our thoughts are with you Geoff and Ruth and the rally just will not be the same without you both.





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