

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I just want to start off by thanking the outgoing committee for the amazing job and great effort they put in over the last year. Welcome to the incoming committee and thank you all in advance for your dedication to the club and our members.

Personally, I am really looking forward to seeing new cruises from our events team, fundraisers, Bunnings BBQ's, car shows and weekends away. You never know the Unicorn may make another appearance very soon.

It's great to see we have some new members this year and I am more than sure you will all enjoy many years of fun and friendship as I have.



Patrick Kerton
President



GENERAL MEMBERS MEETINGS
SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – 7:30PM
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JUNE MEETING)– Paradise Hotel, 700
Lower North East Rd, Paradise

PRESIDENTS CRUISE

Saturday 11th January – Hosted by Brett and Robyn Moseley

Well, we couldn't have asked for better weather for my final President's cruise (even if it was personally a tad warm for me!) and what a fantastic turn out with 15 cars attending.

Meeting at the one of our usual haunts at Munno Para, we huddled in some shade that we found as I went through the usual details then we were off to begin the first leg of the cruise which was a mystery to everyone except for myself and Robyn (luckily)!

The cruise to our first destination took just over an hour, driving on some roads we were all familiar with and some not so much. Melbas at Angaston was our first stop and once we parked up we wandered into the store to peruse and purchase to our hearts content. It was nice to hear from some members that they weren't aware of Melbas being in that location. Robyn left the group a touch early while we had our coffee, chocolate and ice-cream to ensure that the next stage of the cruise was on track. After a few photos we also left and proceeded through the beautiful Barossa Valley to our next stop. Given the size of the group, we certainly turned some heads with our beautiful cars especially through Seppeltsfield!

We ducked our heads as we drove under Sturt Highway, finding ourselves in Greenock. Our final stop was at the Greenock Brewery where we were greeted by Connor and Caitlin feverously cooking our lunch on the BBQ. We had a nice shady spot for everyone to sit at outside, unfortunately for our chef's there was no shade which made the task at hand even more challenging given the temperature that day! Once everyone had grabbed themselves a cold drink, the food was pretty much ready, so we all grabbed a plate and had a relaxing afternoon.



I would just like to again thank Robyn for her help organising lunch and for making all the ladies personalised fans, I think they really came in handy and Connor and Caitlin for their help with the setting up and cooking of lunch for us all. To the members that attended my last cruise as President, thank you you guys made it a great day.

I have really enjoyed my time on the committee over the last 12 years or so and I am looking forward to continuing the enjoyment attending cruises and events that the club organises. Thanks everyone!

FERRIES CRUISE

Saturday 25th January – Hosted by Tony and Lee Barbaro

It started off as a bright sunny day in Bolivar. There were 8 cars that participated in the cruise. There were also 200 bikies who were also going on a cruise. Thank goodness they weren't coming on ours.

We went up the Gawler expressway and we ended up at Blanchetown where we had morning tea (smoko). From there, we travelled to Swan Reach to catch our first ferry of the day. So far so good. But then the wheels fell off.

After Swan Reach, we were supposed to do a sharp left turn onto a side road. We all missed the turn. There were no other roads to get us to the direction we were hoping to go, so we ended up in Sedan.

From there, we drove on to Walker's Flat. We then travelled across the river on the second ferry of the day. Still not too bad. We were almost on track. Then, we went to Purnong, caught another ferry, and then we discovered that we were on the wrong side of the river to

get to Tailem Bend. OOPS. So, we ended up doing a U-turn, (which we cleverly disguised as a toilet break - as the girls ran to the loo while waiting for the ferry back to the other side.)

We were still following the printed-out Google map, and it said to turn right into Purnong. Incidentally, the road through Purnong is one-way, which meant that we had to embark on the second U-turn of the cruise. OOPS AGAIN. Google maps were trying to give us a guided tour of every single dirt road in the nearby vicinity. The map was promptly discarded into the back seat, never to be seen or heard from again.

We somehow ended up getting to Tailem Bend in one piece (apart from the map), however we were one hour late. But we ended up by the river under a pergola eating our lovely lunch. We watched the ferries while we ate. Then we went our separate ways back to Adelaide.

The entire trip ended up using almost a full tank of fuel, but it was a great day out and enjoyed by all. We had a great time hosting this cruise, and to the newbies that joined us, we hope you had a great time as well.



ALL AMERICAN DAY

Sunday 16th February – Hosted by Dennis Smith

After the cancellation of the Heart Kids Show & Shine the weekend before we hastily arranged a mini cruise to the All American Day. Four club cars met at one of our usual meeting places at Krispy Kreme (free donuts!!) on Port Road – the one at West Croydon that is.... From there, we headed around to Gleneagles Reserve at Seaton, a whole 10 minutes away. Most of our cars weren't eligible to enter but Tony and Lee brought their Mustang California, so they were good to go, and Helen and Peter and Paul met us there in their American metal. All up there was about 260 cars there of various car makes, many of which we'd never seen before. After checking out the cars we headed our separate ways around midday to enjoy the rest of the afternoon.



PORT ELLIOT CRUISE

Sunday 2nd March – Hosted by Chris and Juanita Field

Our meeting place was OTR St Mary's with 10 cars, including one potential member. The traffic gods were kind, we had very little stoppages, only a few cars in between and no one lost/missed a turn (even at the Blackwood round-about) as we left the congestion of the city. We had lovely weather (if a few spots of rain) and beautiful scenery (if a bit dry). The cars loved the drive.

Our planned stop at the Meadows Bakery and Tearooms for morning tea was somewhat amended on the spot – Meadows Bakery and Tearooms is closed; we had already passed Pik A Pie Bakery with an enormous contingent of bike riders and settled for Mawson Café. Lovely drinks & snacks, watching the bikers depart before we continued on our way.

We arrived at Continental Park and were glad to see it was not busy and not too hot. We were able to find parks for everyone.



We all enjoyed our lunch, with some partaking of the Port Elliot Bakery (mmm those Berliner buns) and some denied due to the long line.



GT NATIONALS - SHEPPARTON

14th to 17th March – Hosted by Chris & Juanita Field

DAY 1 – FRIDAY - CRUISE TO SHEPPARTON

With snack bags and quizzes in hand, we said goodbye to Adelaide in the dark under a full moon, driving through the fog towards the sunrise.



[Note to self: Do not rely upon Google maps satellite function for quiz questions along the route, especially for visual clues when leaving in the dark!]

Leaving our first coffee/toilet stop at The Bend, there was a lot of discussion around the interpretation of what exactly constitutes the definition of a U-Turn. Oh well, the sacrifices we have to make (in some interpretations) for coffee. We agreed to disagree on the interpretation. Back on track, we hit pea soup fog – a driving condition we haven't experienced for a long time. Once the fog burned off, we had a lovely sunny drive, only broken by the inevitable road works – the curse of the club cars.

Our next stop was for coffee and cake at Underbool. After a nice break, we resumed our trip heading for Ouyen.

RIDDLE: what does inadequate road signs and a lack of GPS signal cause? A definite U-Turn this time after leaving Ouyen.

So, we were back on track and our lead car commenced what became radio wars! We had a variety of radio stations that were played over the radios.

Our next stop was for lunch in Swan Hill. We found a lovely café almost hidden away with some very nice meals and some very good air conditioning to tackle the very hot 38°C winds. Our final leg to Shepparton had most of us reminiscing about the Echuca trip a few years ago. Arriving at our destination saw us checking in amid mutual admiration of the very nice cars already arrived and our own beautiful beasts. A quick trip for supplies & we met up for dinner at the hotel.



DAY 2 – SATURDAY – GT NATIONALS SHOW DAY.

As we weren't showing our cars, just spectating, we indulged in a sleep in (Yay!) We were left to our own devices until time to depart. The girls Ubered the boys to the show and, while the boys did what the boys do best (checked out nice cars) the girls headed out for a lovely day at the museum and shopping.



The boys' responses to 'how was it?' included:

Very, very good, lot more cars than expected

Good, no bunyips hurt (?)

Good, heaps of everything

Most GT's seen in one day ever!

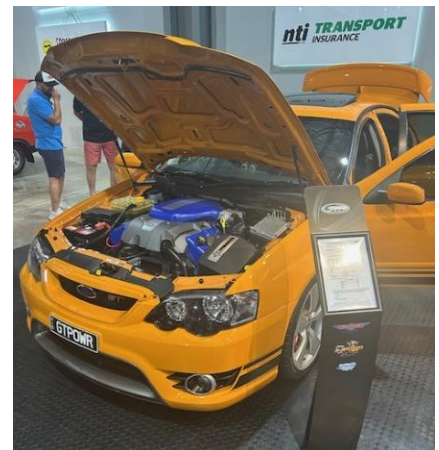
(700-750 cars on display)

Very professionally run





Big John had his car on display and commented the competition standard was very high. This didn't preclude him from adding to his trophy collection in BA unmodified original unrestored class.



We met back at the hotel for a well-earned rest for the boys (the girls went out again to the Chocolate Apple Factory). After our rest, we ventured out for a very enjoyable dinner at the Shepparton RSL club where the meals were soooo large no one could finish them. Who knew when we all ordered large fried rice, just one would have fed the table. Many leftovers for breakfast (& lunches).

After dinner, we farewelled Paul & Trudy who were heading across to the F1 and the rest of us enjoyed desert at Maccas.

DAY 3 - SUNDAY– CASUAL DAY



Another sleep in – luxury!

As we headed out for our schedule of stops, we sighted an art exhibit all over town. The Moooving Art Cows are a herd of over 90 life sized cow statues painted in a variety of patterns (the girls had spotted some of them the day before).

First stop - the SPC factory. A very productive visit with all boots filling. This was followed by a stroll through Shepparton to find a coffee. No coffee shops/cafes appeared open, but we did find a corner store/deli/smoke mart that served a very reasonable cuppa. After coffee & a chat (& discussion over whether the boxes of 'fishing rods' being delivered did actually contain fishing rods) we made our way back to the cars, amid the angels crying and our cars getting damp.



We were still admiring GT's out and about on our short scenic drive to our second stop - lunch at a lovely country pub. All enjoyed the meals out in the beer garden, glad of the overhead covering when the rain came and where we were treated to a rare GT40 sighting (even if it was a replica) with the addition of a bubble in the roof to fit the tall driver.



Back to the rooms & a few drinks & chat before heading out for a pizza dinner where we were regaled with some interesting stories from our server.

DAY 4 – MONDAY - HOMEWARD BOUND

No formal arrangements were made for the trip home. Farewells were said the night before as we headed our separate ways home.

Once again, an excellent weekend of good food, good show, great weather and great company.

Chris & Juanita

Uraidla Brunch Cruise

Sunday 31st March – Hosted by Paul and Trudy Minett

We met at Aldi Kensington Park on Sunday morning at a very civilised 9.30am.

A short 5-minute drive to The Hibernia Café was too long for Pat, who was already saying “where’s my coffee”.

We settled in for a beautiful breakfast and great chat. Some were a bit loud for the Eastern suburb upper set.

From there we cruised up Magill Road, and wound our way up to Norton Summit, arriving through the avenue of trees into the back of Oakbank.

The ride then became smoother through Balhannah and along Greenhill Road to Uraidla.

Everyone stopped there for coffee and cake, not sure what we talked about but more chatting.

Thanks for sweeping Chris and Juanita, who did a terrific job.

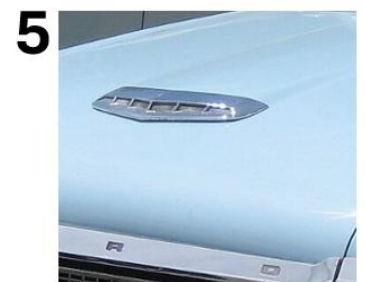
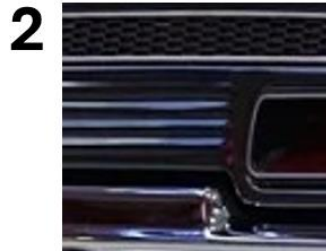
We had five cars for our foothills and fun.



QUIZ

Well, its Quiz time again folks, so let's see how good your knowledge is with the Australian made Falcons and related cars, so put on your reading glasses and/or magnifying glasses to identify the make model and series and the 20 cars below.

Submit your answers to info@fpvxrclub.com.au by Sunday the 8th June, which is the Sunday before our next general meeting, and those who selected the most correct answers wins a prize. Good luck!



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TORQUING POINTS

Some of you may have noticed Paul's Mustang now has distinctive FORD number plates, and you may wonder what is that all about. Anyway, we'll let Paul tell the story, so read on below....



The Great Plate Auction was conducted on behalf of the Government of South Australia, on October 13th, 1985, in the Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. There were 343 Lots consisting of 465 Vehicle registration plates were on offer. This included historic numbers, single digit numbers 3 (\$11,000), 6 (\$6500) and 9 (\$7000), double digit numbers, distinctive numbers (1234 or 2222), foundation numbers (years of significant history) and Silver Jubilee S and J Plates.

At the same time the Grand Prix numbers 1-199 were also sold via a separate scheme, to mark the start of the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide.

The South Australian Number plate "8" sold last year for \$2.3 million.

The last lots in the auction were the "Classic Manufacturer's Name Series".

These 58 plates were sold with propriety rights allowing them to be traded or sold independently of the Government and re-assigned to new owners (10% re-assigning fee to Services SA). These plates do not need to be on a registered car; many are tucked away in cupboards or drawers of their lucky owners. On the day of the auction Classic Manufacturer's Name Plates ranging from the shortest names MG and VW to the longest name Lamborghini (in lower case and the longest legal number plate in SA) were offered for sale. Remember this was before custom number plates existed.

The plates were plastic, and I believe they are the only legal plastic plates allowed in SA. Now forty years old and irreplaceable, they are rarely seen on cars.

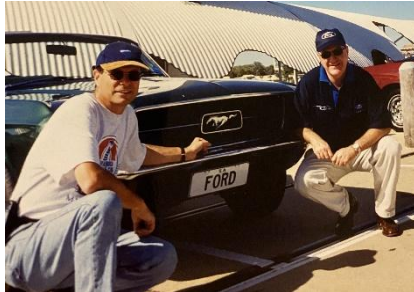
For those interested, here are the plates offered in The Great Plate Auction. 1985

Abarth, Alfa Romeo, AUDI, Aston Martin, AUSTIN, Bentley, BMW, Brabham, Bugatti, BUICK, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Citroen, COBRA, Daihatsu, Daimler, DODGE, Ferrari, FIAT, FORD. HOLDEN, HONDA, ISUZU, JAGUAR, JEEP, JENSION, Lamborghini, LANCIA, Land Rover, Maserati, MAZDA, McLaren Mercedes, Mitsubishi, MG, MORGAN, MORRIS, NISSAN, Oldsmobile, Peugeot, Plymouth, Pontiac, Porsche, Rambler, RILEY, Rolls Royce, ROVER, SAAB, Studebaker, SUBARU, SUZUKI, TOYOTA, Triumph, VOLVO, Volkswagen and VW.

Whether they sold or the values of each lot are hard to track down, Services SA can't find the records and suggest finding someone who attended the auction and kept a record. I believe Mercedes sold for \$10,500 and Lamborghini for a bargain \$1000.

The plate FORD was sold, and here are the cars that have been lucky enough to wear the plate.

67 GTA 390 Mustang with original Plastic number plate.



67 Mustang Convertible 289 at Ford's 75th anniversary on the foreshore of Geelong. The late Geoff Polites boss of Ford Australia on the right couldn't resist a pic.

Replacement metal plate in standard font.

A step forward in time to the 2000's, now adorning a BA FPV



GT



Current day, on a 2020 Mustang GT. New replacement metal plates in the original plastic plate font. The original plastic plates are in the sock draw.

Look out for it, on sunny Adelaide days.

Regards, Paul

Save the Dates – Upcoming Cruises

	June	
Sunday 1 st	Nuri & Chocolates Cruise	Paul
Saturday 14 th	Milang Cruise	Paul
	July	
6 th	Cruise + Christmas in July	Cassie
18 th	Music Bingo	Events Team
	August	
10 th	Murray Bridge Cruise	Tony
23 rd	Whispering Wall	Cassie
	September	
21 st	Gawler Swap Meet and Car Show	Tony
	October	
18 th	Copper Coast Cruise	Cassie
25 th /26 th	TBA	Paul
	November	
22 nd	Bunnings BBQ	Committee
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From the Editor

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Dennis Smith, Editor

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