



Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc.

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Council Communique

August 2019

Royal Daimler officially launched and Car Club formed

The National Museum of Australia's Royal Daimler was officially launched on Tuesday 20 August, after a 10 year restoration period.

When purchased by the Museum in 2009, the 1948 vehicle was in a very poor state, having been stored in a barn in South Australia, for many years. The upholstery was rat infested, the body paint was worn and faded and the engine required a full rebuild.

Perseverance and the assistance of many people and organisations both within Australia and overseas brought the laudalette back to the condition when it was used by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh during their 1954 Royal Tour.

At the launch the museum's Curator of Big Objects, Nathan Pharaoh, said it would not have been possible to preserve and restore the four-ton vehicle without the assistance and cooperation of many experts in their fields, including upholsterers, mechanics, painters, and researchers.

The vehicle had its first public run at Wakefield Park Raceway on Saturday 17 August in front of a crowd of 3000 car enthusiasts.

The DE 36hp Royal Daimler will be on display in the main hall of the museum for a couple of months, before joining the rest of the museum's ever-growing historic vehicle fleet.

Further details and a list of coming events is on the Council's website at: <https://CACTMC.org.au>



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Museum Car Club announced

During the launch ceremony, the opportunity was taken by Museum Director, Dr Mathew Trinca, to announce the formation of a museum car club under the Museum Friends umbrella.

Benefits of the car club include:

- Viewing of the museums historic car collection, not currently on public display
- Enjoying tailor-made public programs relating to the museums vehicle collection
- Hearing about important collection updates and acquisitions
- Getting priority access to any vehicle related events
- Mkids (3-12 years) free or discounted entry to exhibitions and school programs
- 10 percent discount at the museum's shop and café
- Exclusive Museum Friends only events to behind the scenes tours of major exhibitions
- Subscription to the Museum Magazine
- Access to the Friends lakeside lounge
- Reciprocal rights to other museums

Membership details available at: nma.gov.au/join support/membership

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Airbag recall

The recall of airbags in a variety of vehicles is coming to an end.

More than 100 000 vehicles in Australia known to have the faulty airbags have still not had their vehicle airbags replaced.

In certain circumstances, when the airbags are deployed, small metal particles can cause serious injury to vehicle occupants.

Replace of faulty airbags is free.

Chequered Past

The National Museum of Australia Chequered Past vehicle display at Wakefield Park attracted more than 3000 car club members and vehicle enthusiasts.

The Museum brought out 12 of its important vehicle collection to parade around the race track.

Car clubs from Canberra, Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Braidwood, Cooma and the NSW South Coast attended the event.

MoU to be prepared

The Council will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) setting out the role and responsibilities of the Council and clubs organising the two Council events – Wheels and Marques in the Park.

Next Council Meeting – September 19 AGM October

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