



Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc.

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Heritage Library invitation to car club members

The ACT Heritage Library and Libraries ACT invite you to an event with a difference. As part of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival we are hosting local conservator Andrew Pearce of Endangered Heritage. Andrew has extensive experience with large technology and mechanical items having worked at the Australian War Memorial and the National Museum. Andrew will be discussing restoration versus conservation and the ways the two are blended to ensure historical integrity and provenance or to completely tell a new story.

This event is free and open to the whole community. To make the day even more special we would love to invite car club members to attend, and to bring along items they may have already restored or are restoring, or items that have yet to be worked on. We will have an area in the carpark at the front of the ACT Heritage Library building for your motorcycles, cars, engines, machines and other items to be displayed. All groups are welcome to bring along your own brochures to circulate to other attendees.

To come along please visit [our event page](#) and book as many places as you like.

If you would like to bring along a motorcycle, car, machine, engine or other large mechanical object, please email Jessica at act.heritage.library@act.gov.au so that we can take your details and space requirements.

Where? ACT Heritage Library, 255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick.

When? Saturday 18th April as part of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival.

What time? The program will run from 10.30am to 12 noon. All cars, motorcycles and other objects must be in place by 10.20am.

This is a great opportunity to get together with other enthusiasts and interested people without any cost. We hope that your attendance will help make this inaugural event a success.

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Many classic cars are celebrating big "0" birthdays in 2020

Mazda as a company recently observed its 100-year-old anniversary, it began in 1920 as Toyo Cork Kogo, a company that produced cork and machine tools. In 1927, Toyo Cork Kogo renamed itself Mazda and shifted toward the production of three-wheel pickup trucks and small vehicles.

Mazda's first passenger car, the R360 was introduced throughout Japan in 1960. The two-door, four-seat coupe went on to become a best-selling car in Japan until production ceased in 1966.

In 2020, **Pininfarina** will celebrate its 90th anniversary and to mark the occasion, the company has unveiled a new logo and detailed a series of events it will attend and host. Pininfarina, short for Carrozzeria Pininfarina, was founded by Battista 'Pinin' Farina in 1930 in Turin, Italy. In its formative years, the company built bodies for the likes of Ferrari, Austin, Alfa Romeo, Hispano-Suiza, Fiat, Cadillac, Rolls-Royce, Lancia, and others.

In 1970, **Land Rover** launched its revolutionary 4x4, midsize SUV, the Range Rover. The first fleet of vehicles, which turns 50, was initially produced by the Rover division of British Leyland and then the Rover Group. Only two-door models were produced until the four-door model was introduced in 1981.

Ford's Escort RS1600 known for its speed and "small but mighty" racing engine is also bringing in the big 5-0. The small European car was never sold in North America, but caught all the spotlight in Hollywood action-film series, "Fast and Furious".

Other classic cars such as Ferrari's **Mondial**, Bentley's **Mulsanne** and Audi's **Quattro** add to the list of automobiles celebrating anniversaries, turning 40. Rare sports cars including BMW's **8 Series E31** and Lamborghini's **Diablo** turn 30 this year.

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End of grace period for mobile phone detection cameras

Mobile phone detection cameras in New South Wales came into operation in December 2019 around the state.

Unlike speed and red light cameras, the mobile phone detection cameras uses artificial intelligence (AI) to detect illegal phone use. It can operate in all weather conditions including fog and wet weather.

The AI technology will capture an image of the front seats and is then later reviewed by a human to verify an offence has been made.

A three month grace period was in place from December, whereby drivers would receive warning letters only. There were no fines or loss of demerit points during this time. However, from March 1, drivers caught by a mobile phone detection camera will be fined and lose demerit points.

The penalty for illegally operating a mobile phone while driving is \$344 or \$457, if detected in a school zone. You'll also lose five demerit points, this will double to ten during double demerit periods.

However, there will be allowances for [mobile phone use in the car](#). These concessions include using a phone in a cradle with Bluetooth, handling a phone while passing it to a passenger, as well as using it in a drive-through service situation.

However, the Government will introduce the cameras without warning signs. The NSW government said it would "progressively expand" to perform 135 million vehicle checks by 2023. With independent modelling showing that these cameras could prevent around 100 fatal and serious injury crashes over five years.

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Libraries ACT - de-selected motor manuals:

Libraries ACT has made available a large number of de-selected motor manuals for acquisition by Council affiliates.

The manuals cover many marques, and many models within the marques: e.g. Ford, Holden, Toyota (cars and 4WDs), Subaru, Mercedes Benz, BMW, Jaguar, Leyland (P76), Triumph, Saab, Peugeot, Renault, Citroen, Fiat, Honda,. Motor cycle manuals for Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Triumph, Harley Davidson, BSA, and there are a few manuals for commercial vehicles e.g. Bedford light trucks, etc. Most are Haynes, while some are Autopress and Gregory's, and a few are the original manufacturer's publications.

A listing of individual volumes is NOT available.

If your club is interested in acquiring manuals specific to a particular marque or model please send an email to: info@CACTMC.org.au

stating club name, club contact and specifying the marque or models that are of particular interest to your club.

The manuals may, by arrangement, be able to be available for collection at the next Council meeting.

Shannons Wheels charity display

The 44th annual Shannons Wheels vehicle display at Queanbeyan Showground attracted around 600 veteran, vintage and heritage cars, commercial vehicles, motor bikes and caravans, on Sunday 1 March 2020.

Racing legend Jim Richards with his Shannons sponsored racing car signed autographs and posed for photographs throughout the day.

Shannons and ElectroPlating Technology (EPT) sponsored the event.

The Canberra Pie Car was also on display near the Shannons tent.

Queanbeyan and Palarang Regional Council Mayor Tim Overall selected the car he would most like to take home a 1929 Dodge Six owned by Rod Greschke from the CACMC and the best club display was awarded to Mercedes Benz.

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Car club members and members of the public were well catered by local organisations in the food and drink department with the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary providing bacon and egg rolls and sausage sandwiches, the Vietnam Veterans food caravan offering the usual bbq fare, the Tuggeranong Men's Shed providing Tornado Potatoes (half their takings to go to ACT Cancer Council) and the Queanbeyan CWA offering Devonshire tea and scones. For people wanting a coffee - Ton Up Coffee, Pearl Coffee and CWA, were in attendance.

Two traders including ElectroPlating Technology and their colleague selling rubber items for old cars were present to offer advice and sell their goods.

Gold coin donations received went to the ACT Cancer Council.

The display was organised by the Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club (STHARC) on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Seen at Shannons Wheels:



Motor Racing legend Jim Richards



Council's Canberra Pie Cart

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