

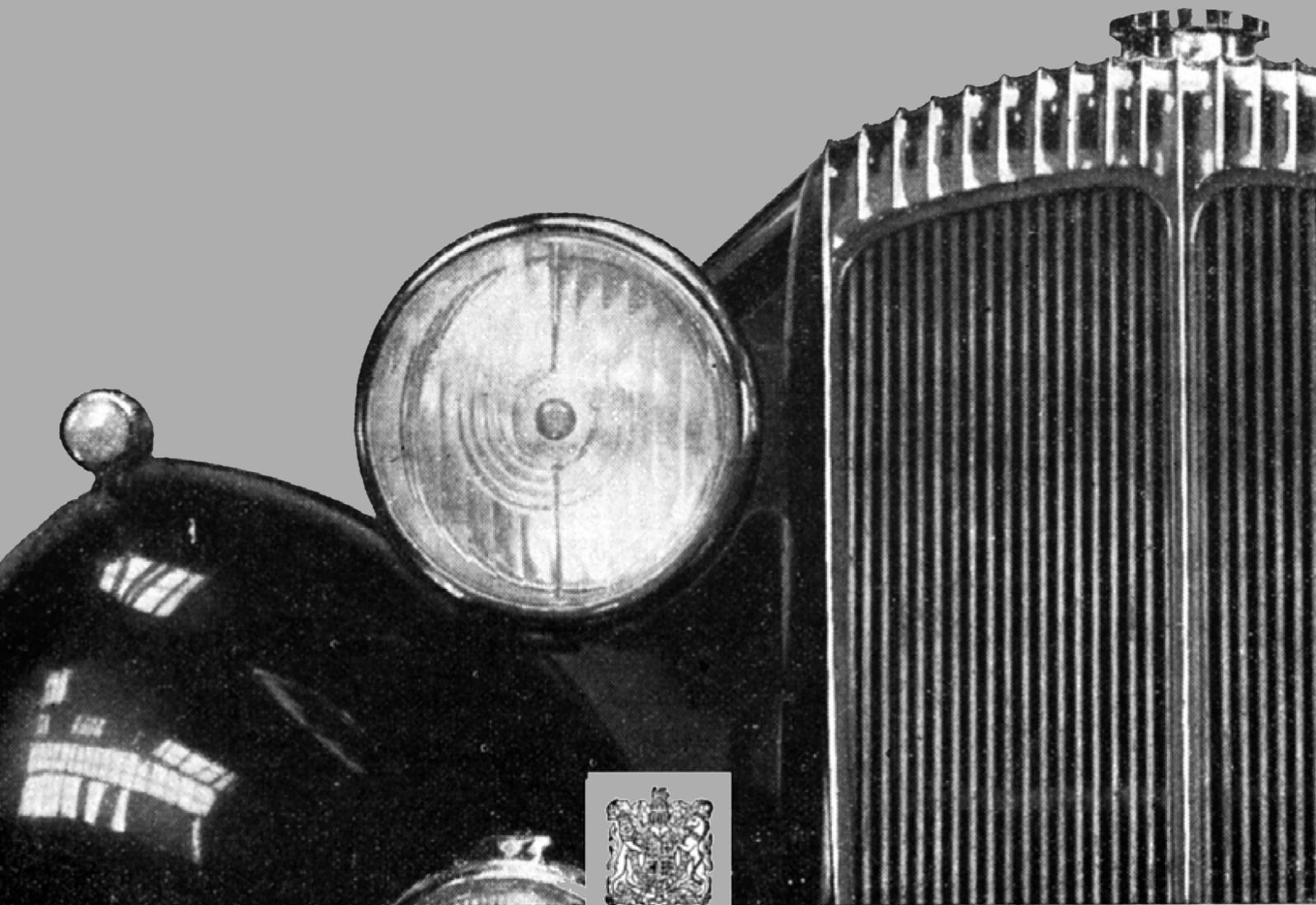
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OUR NEXT MEETING

7:30PM MONDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 2025 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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SUPPORT OUR VENUE

RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB - RYDALE ROAD WEST RYDE MEETINGS HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club provide a meeting room to our club each month for the purposes of our monthly meeting. This is done at no cost to our club and we are very grateful for this kindness. We ask our members to consider visiting the Leagues Club and providing patronage to the club as a reciprocal thank you for their generosity.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to all the members of our Daimler family.

Welcome to the first edition of our magazine for the year! I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and that you are all looking forward to a year of active motoring and enjoying life.

The National Rally, being held this year between 3 and 7 September in Canberra should be a wonderful few days to play tourist and catch up with each other, and welcome interstate Daimler enthusiasts who we may not see all that often.

We have reserved 25 rooms at the East Hotel for the event, and will be sending out details very soon for you to whet your appetite and hopefully reserve your spot for the rally.

Don't forget our March AGM. I hope to see some new hands shoot up to be nominated for Club positions, the Committee positions will all be considered vacant and we are looking for new ideas and enthusiastic nominees.

The January cruise to a seaside spot was particularly lovely this year, there is a report in the magazine.

Hope to see you all over the next few months.

Peter Grant.

COMING EVENTS

Dear Members

All club events are open to club members and their guests and we warmly welcome everyone who attends. A run organised by a register of the club be it SP, DE or anything else is of course equally open to everyone within the Club. It might just mean either putting your foot down or easing off the throttle to keep up!

February 2026 Monday 2	DLOCCA In Person Monthly Meeting - Feel free to attend in person at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. Monthly Meeting starts at 7:30pm.
February 2026 Saturday 14	SP250 Event - Norah Head Light house/Cafe lunch. Details coming
February 2026 Saturday 21	Old Court House at Berrima - Joint event with Rover Owner's Club. Meet at Mt Annan Gardens and drive to Berrima. Details in magazine
March 2026 Saturday 7	SP250 Event - Avon Dam BBQ lunch. Details coming
March 2026 Saturday 14	McIntosh Autofarm - Joint event with Ferrari. Meet at Mt Wilberforce Lookout Reserve and drive to Autofarm for a tour of facilities. Details in magazine
May 2026 Saturday 16	SP250 Event - HARS Aviation Museum, Albion Park. Details coming

COMING EVENTS

June 2026 Saturday 13	SP250 Event - Spencer. Details coming
July 2026 Saturday 18	SP250 Event - Wangi. Details coming
August 2026 Sunday 16	Shannons Motoring Display Day - Sydney Motor Sport Park, Eastern Creek. Details coming
September 2026 Sunday 13	All British Day - Details coming
October/ November 2026	SP250 Event - Mudgee weekend away. Could incorporate Cudgegong Car Rally. Details coming

MARCH 2026 AGM COMING SOON

Please keep in mind that the Annual General Meeting of the club is coming up soon (March 2nd to be exact). All club positions and committee positions will be considered vacant and we are looking for new ideas and enthusiastic nominees. Please consider this and come to the meeting prepared to participate.

2025 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year we were privileged to be invited to have our Club Christmas Party at the home of Alan Hunt and Carolyn Birch.

The house, only acquired in the last twelve months proved to be a winner. Its spacious layout and garden areas were ideal for the party and Alan and Carolyn had set up two large tables with chairs with shade for our use.

The weather was warm, but sunny, and a breeze blew through the yard and house to help the air conditioning inside keep us comfortable.

I'm not sure if there were any photographs taken, but everyone there enjoyed themselves and had a great time. We were able to welcome new club members, or members we had not previously seen at Club events which was good, and it was a really good day.

Santa was generous in the presents department, and the platters and bowls of food brought by everyone attending made for a memorable feast of fine meats and salads, cake and dessert.

Commiserations to those who could not attend, as it really was an ideal setting for the gathering and the conversation and laughter ran loud and long until the last guests departed.

Our thanks to Alan and Carolyn for opening their home to us and making us all feel so welcome.

Peter Grant

SP250 NOTES

SP NOTES JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year to all.

Hoping 2026 is twice as good as 2025 for all of you. A big thank you once again to Tracey and Mark for hosting our annual Christmas gathering. A most enjoyable afternoon despite the heat.

No SP runs for January, therefore a very brief report.

Future Planned Runs

While enjoying our generous Christmas lunch, we compiled a list of possible runs. The dates and destinations are subject to change and if they do, I will post a notification.

14th February	Norah Head Light house/Cafe lunch. Tony & Rosie to organise.
7th March	Avon Dam BBQ lunch. Mark & Tracey to organise.
NOTE	this run was originally planned for the 14th
16th May	HARS Aviation Museum, Albion Park. John Gallagher to organise.
13th June	Spencer. Chris & Kara to organise.
18th July	Wangi. Cameron & Anne to organise.
August (TBC)	Shannons Sydney Classic Display Day, Eastern Creek. Alan to organise.
September (TBC)	All British Display Day, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon. Alan/Tony to organise.
October/November	Mudgee weekend away. Could incorporate the Cudgegong Car Rally. Carolyn, Dallas & Tracey to organise

DLOC JOINT RUNS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

Opening Run Saturday 21st February

Meet at The Garden's Café at Australian Botanic Garden, Mt Annan at 10 am and partake of a pleasant morning tea. Follow the Old Hume Highway to Berrima where we will take a tour of the old Court House.

Lunch will be at the Surveyor General Inn, a few hundred metres down the road. Make your way home after an enjoyable outing, joining our friends from the Daimler and Lanchester Club and Rover Owners Club.

McIntosh Autofarm – Saturday 14th March

As an interesting new experience for us, we will take a tour of the McIntosh Autofarm, a state-of-the-art facility in Central Mangrove to house, service and maintain Ferraris.

At 9:30am we arrive at Mt Wilberforce Lookout Reserve, on the western side of Castle Hill Rd, 250 metres after the Pennant Hills Rd turnoff. From here we will take Pennant Hills Rd and Old Pacific Hwy to travel to the Autofarm, not far from where Max Houston's Vintage Motor Garage used to be. After touring the facilities we will have lunch at the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club & Golf Club on Memorial Drive, 11 Hallards Rd, off Wisemans Ferry Rd. After an interesting day and convivial repast, we will find our own way home (George Downes Dr/Peats Ridge Rd will take you to the M1).

THE JOHN STEEL MEMORIAL COCKTAIL CRUISE

Origins of the Cocktail Cruise

At an unspecified date over thirty years ago, John Steel conceived the idea of a relaxed gathering to mark the beginning of our year. His vision was to create a low-key event where members could catch up in a casual setting before the year's activities fully commenced.

Atmosphere and Setting

The event was designed as an informal get-together, allowing members to pop in after work. The chosen location took advantage of cool summer breezes drifting across the water, offering a scenic and refreshing backdrop for the evening.

The Cocktail Hour

John named the event the Cocktail Cruise. While it's unclear whether anyone actually brought cocktails, the atmosphere certainly reflected the elegance and sociability of the traditional cocktail hour, providing a civilised start to the year's events.

Over the years we have been treated to some stunning locations, most, that many of us would not have had the opportunity to visit.

Sydney has changed over the years, and it is becoming harder to find locations that apart from being beautiful and provide us with space also fulfill the more practical requirements of parking and toilets.

This year's choice was exceptional. Little Manly Cove.

A select group of us had a wonderful evening in this location.

The group included our President, Peter Grant, Alan Hunt, Carolyn Burch, Chris Cole, John Hiscox who discovered this gem and me. We were joined by John's daughter Jane Border and his granddaughter Nicole Border.

We decided to name this event as the John Steel Memorial Cocktail Cruise in his honour. We lost John last year.

I vote that we return to this venue next year and this time I will bring my swimmers.



JANUARY 2026 COCKTAIL CRUISE

An additional report on the John Steel Memorial Cocktail Cruise.

This year our now traditional cocktail cruise to a spot by the water took place at Little Manly Cove.

The location is amazing, beautiful, great water view, sheltered, good facilities and not nearly as busy as you'd expect.

Victor did us proud, the weather as perfect, warm with a gentle breeze as the sun went down and a very comfortable sheltered table and bench set up.

As usual, I got stuck at work and only arrived late. Already there were Alan Hunt and Carolyn Birch, Christine Cole, John Hiscox with his daughter Jane and grand daughter Nichole, Victor Nash and a little while after I got there, Linden Braye arrived.

So a small but jolly group had a ring side seat to a beautiful Sydney sunset and we enjoyed the chance to catch up, basked in the late evening sun and then enjoyed the view. The venue really is splendid, I suspect carefully guarded by the locals as their own play ground and was ideal for us.

As the weather cooled we were entertained by a little native antechinus, a small mouse like fellow who sort of ran/hopped all over looking for dinner in the picnic area.

Little Manly Cove is easy to find, just drive past the main beach and the ferry terminal, continue on up the hill and around the esplanade as it becomes Stewart Street and you can see the café and amenities block roofs on the right. Great beach and lovely gardens behind to enjoy looking out over the water.

It was such a good venue that we all agreed that we should make it next year's picnic spot as well!

Thanks to Victor for choosing the venue, organising the notice and arranging perfect weather for us!

Peter Grant



WANTED - REAR WINDOW FOR SP250 HARDTOP

Would the Daimler club have the rear window for the removable hardtop of Daimler Dart for sale, either glass or perspex?

I have a bit of a saga going on as while towing the Dart on a trailer in high winds the window disappeared unbeknown to me until I made a mid travel stop. The insurance company says I'm covered as the trailer it was on is mine and thus no third party involved. I'm sure they will have the same trouble finding one as I am so I thought I'd be prepared.

Currently the Dart and myself are in Arizona but I have an approval to re-import the car, it will go back to Hervey Bay area in Queensland. I had it there in 2009 -2012 but never registered or titled it in Oz.

If a hardtop window is available in Oz naturally I'd wait to purchase one - could pay for it now and pick it up once in Oz. Conversely if there's one to be had in the USA it makes sense to get it before leaving.

I can be reached via Whatsapp at +1 480-381-0572

Kind regards,

Dennis Taylor

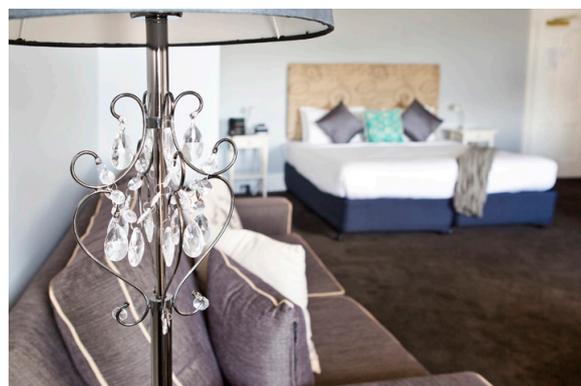
PS. My nephew Duane Rodgers (lives in Melbourne), has purchased a Dart and recently attended the Vic/NSW get together.



THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE
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Throughout the Club's history Members have enjoyed a range of social activities themed around the automobile and whilst the interests have widened; travel, touring and collecting automobiles and their memorabilia have remained key areas.



FOR SALE - CONSORT ENGINE AND GEARBOX

Alan Reddrop from near Adelaide rang the other day. Could we place an ad in the Journal?

He owns a DB 18 Consort. He had another car before the one he has now but it was written off in an accident and he bought a very good Consort which had, from memory belonged to a medical man in Sydney then went through Colin Cox's hands and now is with Alan.

He took the engine out of the wrecked car and used that in the "new" car he bought and this engine and gearbox now for sale is the one that had been in the Sydney Car.

If there is any interest please contact Alan direct for details and a sale price.

Alan Reddrop M: 0423 023 619

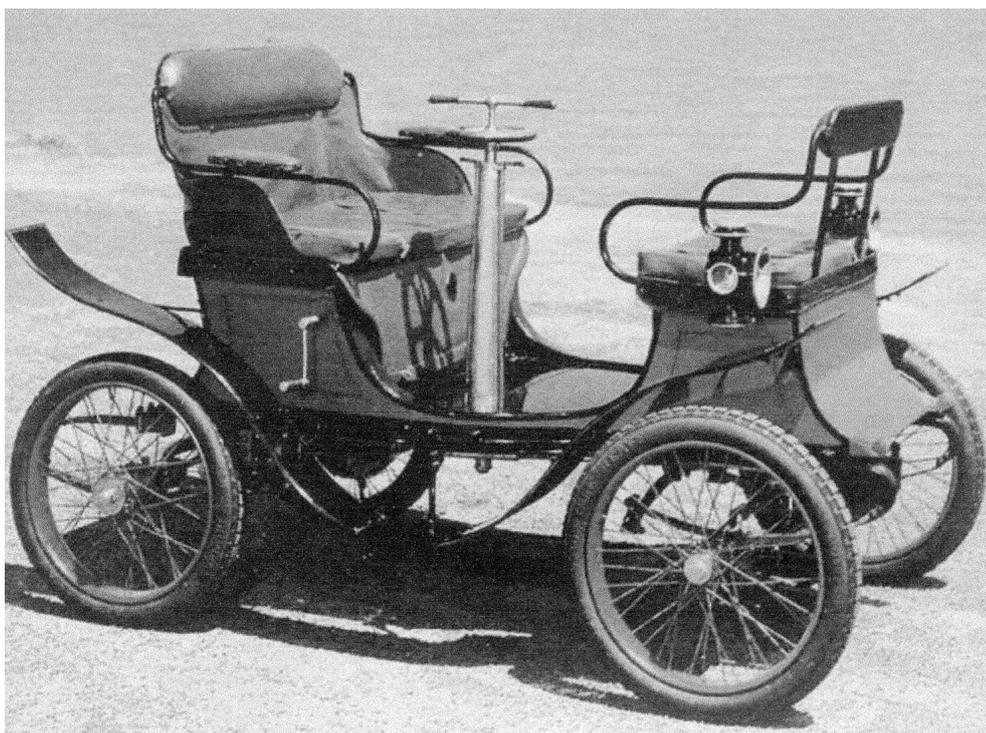
A LITTLE MOTORING HISTORY IN SYDNEY

The first car to arrive in Sydney was an 1899 De Dion Bouton imported by Sydney businessman and cycle enthusiast WJC "Billy" Elliott of the Austral Cycle Agency. The De Dion arrived on the Ville de la Coital berthing in Darling Harbour on the 27th of April 1900. Just three years later the Automobile Club of Australia was founded by seven pioneer motorists.

The "new-fangled motorcar" quickly gained acceptance - by 1911 there were 3,975 cars, three vans and 2,788 motorcycles on Sydney's roads. Under the metropolitan Traffic Act, which became law in 1902, the speed limit of 8 mph was imposed on roads within a 6-mile radius of the General Post Office in Martin Place.

Sydney would soon gain 155 coachbuilding establishments which employed 1,754 tradesman - there were seven coachbuilders located between Circular Quay and King Street. By the end of World War 11 only a handful remained and then only in the outer suburbs. By 1920 when the average wage was 4-pound, 14 shillings a new Chevrolet cost 545 pounds. Six years later the average wage had risen to 5-pound, 2 shillings and 11 pence by which time the new Chevrolet had fallen to 210 pounds.

Sydney first petrol bowser was installed in a garage in Wentworth Avenue in 1926 while the first traffic lights were installed on the corner of Kent and Market Streets and began operation on the 13th. October 1933. By 1937, the speed limit in built up areas had been gradually increased to 50km/hour and to 80km/hour on more open roads.



An 1899 De Dion Bouton "Vis a Vis" (face to face)

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GRILLE AND SUBFRAME FOR DB18 CONSORT

I have a grille and subframe for a Daimler Consort. The chrome and fins are in good condition (fins need to be repainted) and the subframe is rust free. My own car is a Buick so they're of marginal interest to me. I have been in touch with the Victorian club and the item will go into their September newsletter. Would this be of interest to your members? I live in regional Victoria (near Daylesford) but can deliver to Melbourne.

Price - \$300 neg.

Stuart Ross = 0408784274

Email = rosssr1@unimelb.edu.au



1957 CONQUEST CENTURY MKII - FOR SALE

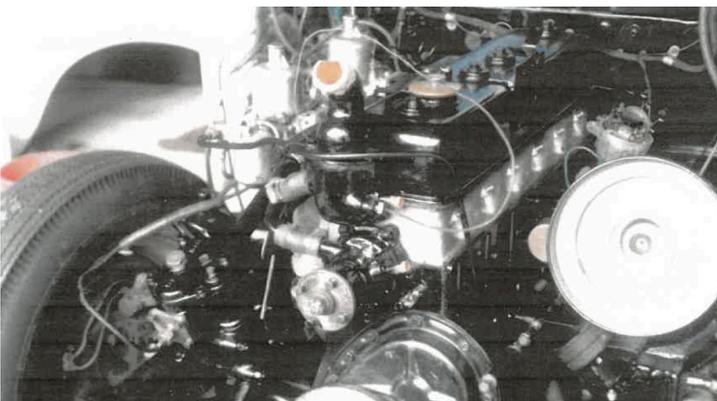
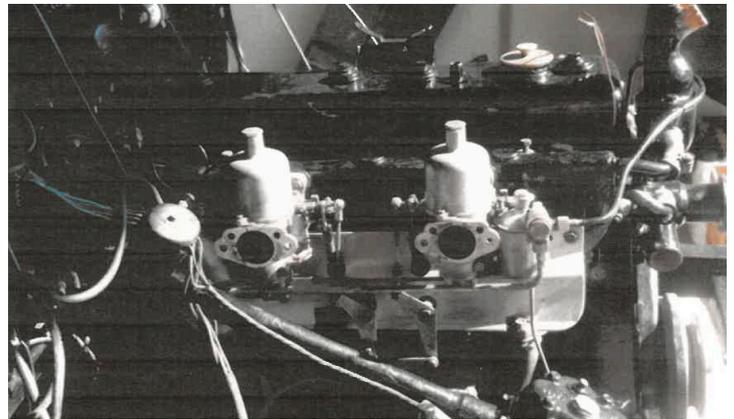
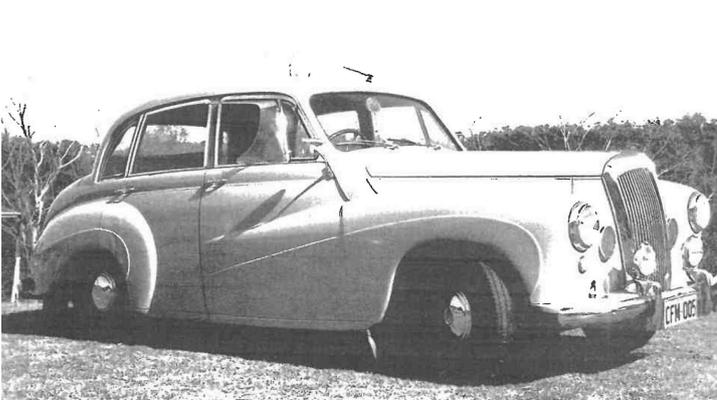
For sale after 62 years in the one family. Bought by Mr Fred Middleton, a Foundation Member of the Club in 1963 and after his passing inherited and cherished by his son, current Club Member Campbell Middleton, this car is now offered for sale.

“Eliza” as the car is known, has been a great car for the family, having been used for towing, for transporting Campbell and Doris’ prized English Pointers, wedding duty and the like.

Currently showing an odometer reading of 129,970, which would be a mix of earlier miles and then after the gearing was changed, kilometres.

Included with the sale are three large boxes of Daimler items, a full works.service manual and some old Daimler Magazines backwards from 2024. The car is on historic plates which are not transferable.

Asking \$9000.00 or very near offer. Campbell Middleton Hazelbrook T: (02) 4758 7125



MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2025 MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER AND LANCHESTER OWNERS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB 117 RYEDALE RD WEST RYDE ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm with the President, Peter Grant, in the chair.

Apologies : Russell & Jenny Turner, Robert Brandes, Jim Gellett.

Previous minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. Moved: Mark Brooks
Seconded: Victor Nash

“That the Minutes be accepted as true and correct.” Carried

Business arising from Previous Minutes : Nil.

Correspondence :

Victorian Pre Selector Magazine.

Business arising from Correspondence : Nil.

Secretary’s Report : Nil.

Treasurers Report

Alan Hunt went through the month’s figures.

There were 2 new memberships. Payments totalling \$893.60 included: the annual donation to the NMA re the Royal Tour Car, web hosting, CMC Annual Renewal and reimbursement to PG for the Day of Daimler Book for the library.

The cheque account balance stands at: \$1360.85 and the term deposit (renewed for 12 months at 3.9%) at \$24,000.00 giving a total of \$25,360.85 available funds.

\$200.00 subs received at the meeting (to be transferred the following day): Grant, Brooks, Koles, Cole.

Moved: Alan Hunt; seconded: Victor Nash: “That the treasurer’s report be accepted as true and correct and the payments listed be approved”. Carried.

New Members :

Trevor Gaut: Lanchester 12/6

David Rundell: a long time SP 250 Owner.

Social Report :

06 Dec: SP 250 Register Christmas Party at Mark and Tracey Brooks’ home in Blaxland.

14 Dec: DLOCCA Christmas party at the home of Alan Hunt and Carolyn Burch 40 Glenhaven Rd Glenhaven from 12.00 noon. The house is opposite the fire station and on street parking only. Don’t forget a contribution to the hamper and a present for the Santa basket.

13 Jan: John Steel Memorial Cocktail cruise as per magazine.

Ray has been working with Heather Goldsmith of the Alvis Club re some combined events and listed the following as planned Club events:

Sat 21 Feb: Mechanical Museum Instrument Museum in Bowral..

Mar: Mackintosh Auto Farm in Mangrove Mountain.

Apr: Invitation to the Alvis Club Gymkhana in Richmond.

May: National Motoring Heritage Day.

Jun: Looking at a tour of the Tooheys brewery.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2025 MEETING

Jul: Mid winter run: Blue Mountains Bush Fire Rescue venue

All British Day :

This is set to take place on 13 September 26.

CMC:

Subs have been paid.

The AGM was held and the current board re elected. Terry Thompson was absent, in hospital.

There are new plates being issued by RMS but do not accept that we have to swap our current plates for new ones.

The May NMHD venues are Motolife Museum Dapto, Fire Museum Penrith and the Kurrajong Display now holds a drive from Richmond to Penrith.

If you attend a Cars and Coffee type event, unless it is published as a Club Invitation Event, it is necessary to fill in your log book.

National Rally:

First week end of September 2026 to avoid clashing with All British. 25 rooms will be booked.

Regalia: Nil further.

Website/Editor: The new click on the link is working well and fewer mailed magazine will result in less postage costs.

Library: Nil further.

Registrars: Nil.

SP250 Notes:

Mark Brooks noted that the SP250 National Rally, in Wangaratta was excellent, coupled with the NSW Register having planned The Lap of NSW: a tour around NSW to extend the trip to the rally. A 21 day trip in all. Over 5500 kilometres travelled, with few incidents, good weather, 6 SP 250's, 1 Austin Healey and some moderns. A wonderful adventure.

Technical and spares :

Victor's DE27 is still off the road, waiting for the delivery and installation of front suspension bushes ordered from David Beales in the UK.

Conditional Plates : Nil.

For Sale or Wants:

As per the magazine. A V8 250 needing paint and rust repairs sold for \$14,000.00 at Lloyds Auctions.

Alan Hunt read out a sale result from the UK Club magazine:

The 1957 New DHC bought by Lady Docker, repainted and reupholstered, sold for £46,000.00.

General Business:

Peter Grant followed up with the RR sourced badge maker about Club Badges. The cost is \$26.00 per badge and a \$50.00 fee for orders below \$250.00. This seems a bit much and further enquiries will be made about alternative suppliers.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:25 P.M. WITH THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE ON 2ND FEBRUARY STARTING AT 7:30PM.

FOR SALE

1967 2.5 litre V8

I purchased the car in 2005 (97,860 miles) and it has travelled only 6333 miles in the next 20 years. The car has been stored in a garage during my ownership and has been regularly serviced. In addition to normal servicing other work completed includes: replaced front windscreen, recondition power steering, fit inertia-reel seatbelts, overhaul automatic gearbox, fit electronic distributor, fully recondition engine, new starter motor, suspension repairs, new tyres, upgrade brakes, recondition carbies, renew fuel pump and replace fuel tank.

I am selling the car because (quite clearly) I don't use it that regularly. I would prefer that the car went to someone who has the time to exercise it a bit more. The car is in Epping NSW.

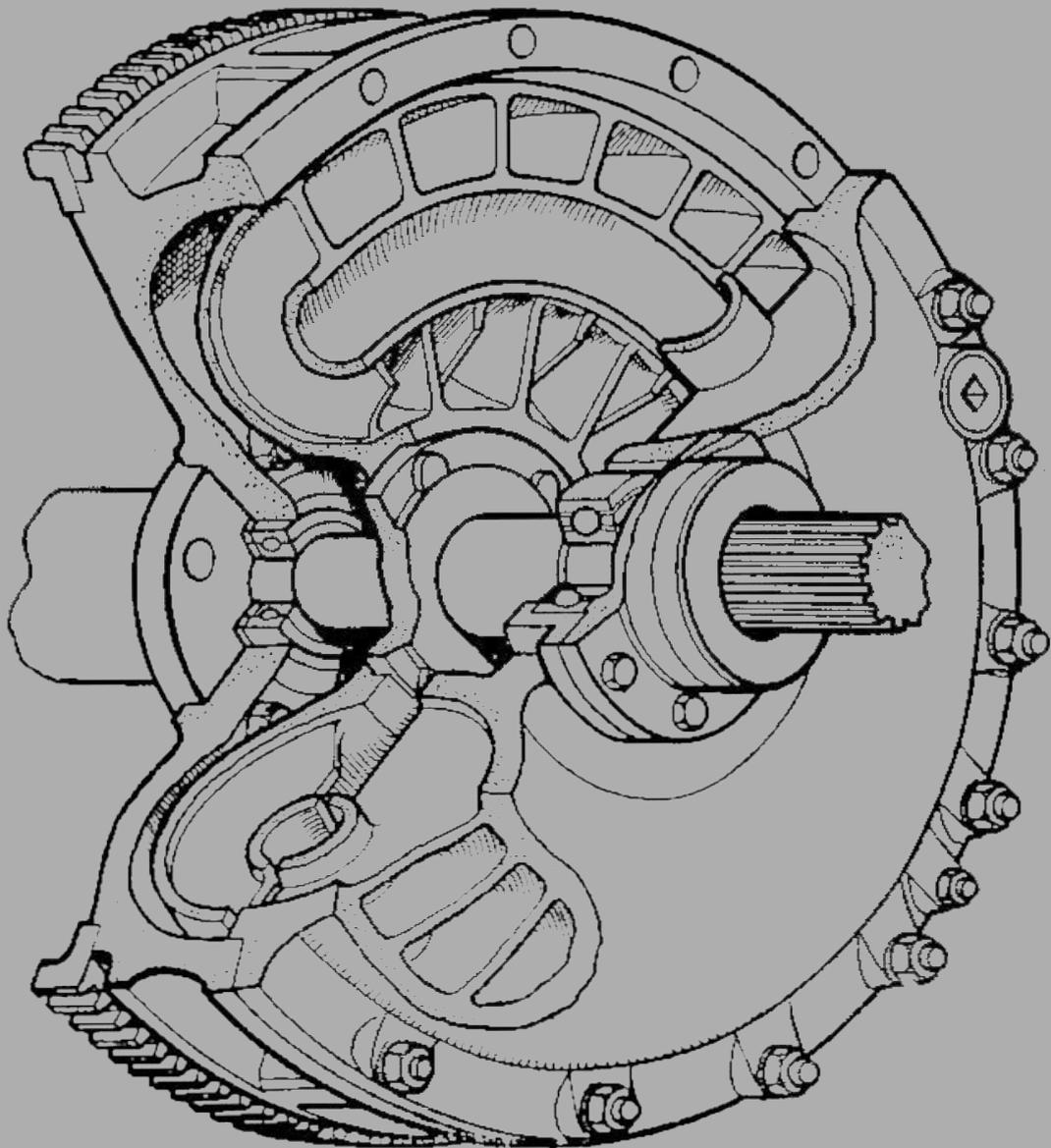
PRICE: \$25,000 ONO.

Chris Maher

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Mobile - 0403 783 257





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