

Coffee Cruise to Truck Show

The CHRC Coffee Cruise for November was delayed by one week to allow it to coincide with the Rotary Club's annual Truck Show. Castlemaine Rotary Club have provided great support and assistance to the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited, so this was an opportunity to help them after the difficult COVID restrictions that curtailed last year's truck show and caused them to reduce this year down to a one-day Truck Show and Shine and Parade .

We invited cruisers to arrive a little earlier than usual so they could watch the truck parade pass down Barker Street before assembling for the coffee cruise. By departure time 65 cars had registered for the cruise that took them to the truck show at Campbells Creek Recreation Reserve via Newstead, Guildford, Vaughan Springs and Irishtown. Taking this route brought the cruise into the recreation reserve from the south so participants weren't mixed up with slow-moving public traffic waiting to enter the public parking space for the show. Our plan worked well and despite a bit of a delay at the entry while everyone was checked in, it all went smoothly.

The great majority of the trucks were displayed around the outside of the oval and once all the cars were in place on the oval, it made quite a spectacle. The food and drink outlets were swamped and there was live music to keep everyone entertained while they checked out the cars and trucks.

Rotary were extremely pleased with the whole day that attracted a much larger entry list of trucks than they were expecting and at the recreation reserve there ended up being over 80 cars on display as well. Over 2000 people paid to see the show at only \$5.00 per adult and overall the Rotary Club reports that they made over \$15,000.00 that will now be used to support their community projects.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Coffee Cruise and therefore helped out the Rotary fund-raising day as well. Maybe we can do it again in the future.



TOP RIGHT: One of the highlight attractions at the Rotary Truck Show at Campbells Creek Recreation reserve was Malcolm McClure's first Mack truck that was recently restored

RIGHT & ABOVE RIGHT: Participants cars lined up on the oval at the end of the Coffee Cruise made quite a spectacle.



Music Video at Autoplex

James Marples, lead singer of the rock and roll band, The Milkshakers recently hired Autoplex for an entire weekend for the purpose of making a music video. The Milkshakers is the band that performed at Autopia earlier in 2021 and proved so popular.

The music video was being made solely for James, singing in his own right and doing material similar to Johnny Cash style ballads. A crew of about 15 people were on hand to film and cater for each day's activities. Much of the main trade building was completely blacked out for the filming that was then mood lit to create the right atmosphere for the music. Smoke machines were also used and James was dressed in a nineteenth century style great-coat for the filming.

The crew used the kitchen facilities in the kiosk at the gymnasium building for catering purposes starting with breakfast each day and ending with a late dinner in the evenings. The finished music video will be three and a half minutes long.

The Milkshakers have been engaged again for Autopia 2022.



December Coffee Cruise and Breakup

Our last Coffee Cruise for the year will move back to our usual third Sunday of the month date in December. This cruise is also traditionally our Christmas Breakup and will end at Autoplex with food and coffee available for purchase on site or you are welcome to bring your own if barbecue doesn't suit. The start will be the same as usual, gather from 9:30am on Sunday December 19 outside the Visitor Information Centre in Mostyn Street, Castlemaine and leave promptly at 10:30am for a cruise of the district before arriving at Autoplex at approximately 11:45am. Parking will be in the north car park and surrounds, with any overflow on the area adjacent to the oval. Please be patient when entering the area and beware of pedestrians moving about.

RIGHT & BELOW: Photos shown here are from our October Coffee Cruise that concluded at the Sunken Oval near the Castlemaine Mill complex.



Autopia 2022 Planning Under Way

Autopia is happening again, this time over the Labour Day long weekend from 12-14 March at Autoplex Castlemaine. As in the past, the Castlemaine Auto Model Show will form part of the program for the weekend, taking place on Sunday 13th March.

Highlight Exhibition for 2022 will be Young Rodders Projects that will occupy the main corridor of the trade building and there will be several other exhibitions in the adjoining rooms as was done at Autopia 2021. This aspect of Autopia 2022 will be coordinated by Aaron Develyn and Peter Carpenter will undertake that role for the Auto Model Show.

Sunday night there will be a rock and roll dance at Autoplex with the fabulous The Milkshakers band. This will be held in the Auto Room that will not have any cars displayed inside it this time.

Once again there will be food and drinks available outside the main door. Opening times will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day with tear-down immediately after closing on Monday 14 March.

BELOW: The T Buckets are returning for their own gathering, incorporating Autopia 2022, where they will have their own Priority Parking area again.



ABOVE: Themed exhibition for 2022 will be Young Rodders Projects and the Future of Hot Rodding in much the same manner as the Heritage Hot Rods were highlighted in 2021.

BELOW: The Auto Model Show will be held on the Sunday only of the Labour Day Weekend.



RIGHT: A Rock and Roll Dance will be a stand alone part of Autopia in 2022 and will be held in the Auto Room on the Sunday night of the Long Weekend. March 13. No vehicles will be displayed in the Auto Room to allow more space for the dancing.



NEXT MEETING
December 17, 2021
at Autoplex Castlemaine
Please attend and learn
about the progress being
made at Autoplex and the
Gowar property.

Future Meeting Dates

There will be a General Meeting of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited at Autoplex on Friday December 17, 2021. The following General meeting will be on March 4, 2022.

The next AGM to be held at Autoplex Castlemaine on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Future meeting dates will be decided by the Board subject to COVID regulations, but are typically March, AGM in June, September and December (with Christmas break-up).

■ For further information call Chairman Larry O'Toole on 03 5472 3653 or Secretary Vicki Farrell on 0418 510 352.

Recent Donations

A collection of tools and other workshop equipment was donated to Autoplex by the estate of Hetty Veldman, formerly of Campbells Creek. Kim Michelmores and Graeme Inwood facilitated the removal of these items and provided further clean up of the estate as gratitude for their donation.

Other recent donations include a Commodore vehicle for student programs, large quantities of clean sheets for rag use from the Op Shop at the recycle centre and an additional refrigerator for the kiosk from Rick Ling. Graham Harris delivered another ute load of auto magazines for the archive/library, plus Gary McClure offered the CHRC the near new spouting and roofing iron (colourbond) off a house that is soon to be demolished. The spouting will be used for the house at Gowar (see item at right) and the roofing iron for a garden shed at the Gowar site as well.



Gowar House

Despite a longer than expected time frame, the Gowar House project is now right on the brink of completion. All interior renovation and painting is finished and most of the exterior renovation work is also complete, just awaiting relaying of the floor coverings, final painting and detailing before it is ready for rental. We recently had a real estate agent view the property and give us a rough valuation on what we should aim to receive in the way of rental for the house.

There is some replacement of spouting required on the house and we were offered all the near-new spouting off another house in Castlemaine that is about to be demolished, so that was removed at a recent working bee and transported to Gowar. Colourbond roofing iron will also be removed from the same house for use on a garden shed or to enclose part of the hay shed at Gowar. Our thanks to Gary McClure for offering us this valuable material free of charge.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Are you interested in accessing the Club Permit System through CHRC? Yes/No

What skills/qualifications do you have that could assist us to achieve our aims? _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT: Cash Cheque Credit Card EFT

Individual member: \$100.00 p/a payable June 30.

Take advantage of our extended membership offers:

3 years: \$250.00 6 years: \$500.00 12 years: \$1000.00

Make cheque payable to: Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited

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Comments/suggestions: _____

All information remains confidential.