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Prewar and T Type Register Report

A walk through Police history at the South Australian Police Museum at the Thebarton Police Barracks.

10 June 2021

Forty members attended at the Barracks and were hosted by former deputy commissioner John White APM, LEM and his cohort of retired police officers to see through the amazing collection of memorabilia ranging from badges, uniforms , headwear, flack jackets, cars and motorcycles. This is one of the most extensive and finest collections of Australian and International police exhibits ranging from the early settlement of SA ,1800's to the present day.

Now members were split into three orderly groups and escorted through the exhibits under strict supervision by former police officers watching for light fingered guests who are looking to fill their badge rails on the T's. McNabb has no room if you have noticed the array on the TD.

A very pleasant and informative night by all accounts, I was pleased to give John White \$400 from the Register. Surprisingly they only get \$5000 annually from SAPOL to maintain the premises and cars on display.

Thane Martin is a volunteer who helps maintain the vehicles on display in running order, amazing skills he has learnt entirely from Youtube I am told, nothing else.

Great to see Ian Buckley's name on the East Timor roll , seventh from the top, serving with the Australian Federal Police, a very proud member indeed. His old bike is out the back for all to see, unfortunately it is the one that T Martin is unable to fix.

The clubrooms

Thankyou Peter Auld who headed off to open up , Berry Treffers had it under control and I must say the welcoming party of TD McNabb and Headache Hugh got the place rattling well before I got there.

I have got to say , I have never been to such a noisy gathering like that before in the clubrooms, the constraints of the former police officers prior, proved too much for some and led by Bob Schapel singing the MG Anthem (God Save Our Queen) they let her rip !

MG Anthem

MG the marque so great,

Much loved in every state,

Pleasing the crowd,

Prewars, T's, B's and more,
Records and wins galore,
History cannot ignore,
MG we're proud
(SAFETY FAST)

Gotta say that HRH Prince Phillip would have approved as a former TC owner.

His black bodied, green upholstered TC was a popular sight in the early days of his courtship with the then Princess Elizabeth, often chased by photographers (Paparazzi) through London and the countryside I was reading.

You know that Buckley's grandfather was the first British Police Officer to bolt a siren on the front guard of a TC , proof I saw the photograph, so did you on the invitation.

Fact, the MG TC proved a formable police vehicle that caught HRH Prince Phillip out many times I read recently, I cannot say what he was doing with young LILIBET !

Winton report. More frivolity and singing, hailing the feats of the Vicar and his pit crew after a very successful race come parade and self adulation meeting at Winton Vic. Run by the Austin Seven Club. The success of the Vicar in the NA and racing MGA was lauded handsomely, two firsts in the regularity by HRH Peter Cundy (Vicar). This has assured that there will be more travelling minstrels next year.

Bazzica's oration needs no further reporting here other than to say that his discriminating description of the Chinese MG Suv has been fully retracted after successfully towing the Vicar's MGA over to Winton at unimaginable speed at times.

A boring speech Bob, at least Michelle gets to keep the car !

Peter Auld's description of the purchase of the EV Tesla was equally boring but informative and in great detail as we have come to know PP. Of course those in the back row (pit crew) were equally vocal about road tax that Auldy is not paying with the EV, tut tut ! Congratulations Peter, I am told that it is governed to your age , 80kph.

Strange things happen. A bottle of wine in an expensive cardboard box, was shown around by the club's stingiest connoisseur of wine, yes ACPearson .com , however after it was placed in the safe keeping of the Y Type Saloon in the yard, it mysteriously returned back onto the table. This is a creepy phenomenon when a bottle appears to "walk" like that, you got it Walk as in The Walk, Coromandel Valley !

I say no more but the joke was hilarious, love when we catch him out.

Canberra trip in October . Now things are on the move, Mozza has produced a decal for the cars in red and white after much controversy and comment resulting in the wine and lightbulb afore mentioned connoisseur blowing his top. Just love it !

Realistically the sleeping arrangements are being discussed for this important trek across to the nation's capital, more later.

Kevin Mills Y Tourer. Just a thankyou for those who are keeping in touch with Kevin on this exciting project that he is running. Don , The Ghost who Walks, has made a visit and a follow up, great to hear about Millsy's progress, hope we see him soon.

I have run my race now with this report, other than to say that there were 12 register cars in the carpark at the clubrooms.

I have , at this stage no idea where we are going next month, maybe Inspector Buckley has another brilliant suggestion, may be THE WALK for his mates sins just saying.

Well, it was a great deal of fun, maybe the editor will publish the ode to Peter Cundy that has been composed by his estatic pit crew on the way home.

Cheers and really safety fast , go Winton 2022 !