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Prewar and T Type Register report, 3 November 2022

Cup week spirit. Yes it was the day after the race that stops the nation, the Melbourne Cup.

How appropriate that the Register race commenced at the Crafers Park n "Ride" breaking out of the barriers at 6.23pm for the gallop to 57 Yantaringa Road Paechtown , the mighty Micklem stud where deep secrets abound in the Big Shed, more about that later, read on.

Barrier One was secured by the desperate **Thane Martin** who responded in a nano second to the register invitation going out from my desk. One bottle of highly valued wine complete with many stick on medals that I get in rolls from post office kept him happy.

Apologies. For those who only read the magazine to see their names in print, messers and in no particular order, Chapman, Kinnear, Lancasters 1 & 2, Auld, Willmott-Griff, Vicar, 007 , O'Malley, Carr, Bowering, Tomke, Gibbs, Aiken, & the usual suspect B Forth.

Big thankyou for a big night in the big shed. What an amazing spread of food did Bronwyn and helpers spoil us with, cannot say enough in appreciation on behalf of the ravenous register members who were blown away by the Micklem's generosity. Sets a high standard for **Mozza's** Eden Hills December event. Just kidding, we will be happy with a couple of Kalamatta olives and half a glass of vinegar Mozza.

As I said before, secrets abound in the big shed, cannot let too many out of the bag but there have been significant changes since the last visit . The Big Boat- gone ! Bronwyn's B Type- off the hoist and looks like painted . The TA sits on a brand-new set of rollers for slip sliding around in the shed. **Still** it was hard for Peter talking to me (like talking to a journo from In Daily) in not wanting to divulge what was under the blue tarp, **still** better the drum of 90% proof was indeed testimony to Peter's skills in producing the nectar of the gods to go with his treasured 1964 barrell of port wine that he tops up regularly. Sampling of these fine beverages in the true tradition of the register was a sheer delight, hats off to you Peter.

My Lords and Ladies. A speech by Peter Shipside , probably the longest in the history of the register, but very informative, would have had Boris Johnston squirming in the House of Commons however, the history of the transit of his TF 1500 from the UK where it was made in 1955-6 maybe, was a complete mystery to Peter and his articulation of the research and investigations that he undertook had us all looking to top up our glasses frequently. However to our great relief it was a New Zealander with a preoccupation with registration numbers that saved him (and us) from a lifetime of agony. First known registration was WAN -? which gives the vital clue on the car's journey to Australia. West Africa Nigeria ! Thankyou Peter it was a delightful speech of great mystery and intrigue, not to be repeated.

Distinguished Gentleman's Drive Adelaide. Would you believe that two members approached me for general business for the specific purpose of registering a complaint that **Ian Buckley** had featured in the local hills papers as a "Distinguished Gentleman" in his 1947 TC recently, coloured photo included. To me he certainly looked the part however valuable

space was taken up and pushed calf birthing, potatoes and lettuce to the back page of the paper. I will not divulge the complainants however messers Kemp & Hobbs collect a wine.

Duration of meetings. Not long enough according to Bob Schapel, he wants extra time to speak to more people, its his favourite time of the month now that he's got a heap of old MG parts to trade off. Sorry Bob , 1.00am is just too late for some. He's got a 4.875 Morris Diff to get rid of.

It was Happy Birthday to **Pat Mullins** who is clearing away his cars up at the river now that the water is rising. Risk adverse is Pat but allowing the boy Mozza to drive the expensive one back to Adelaide is a risk I would not have taken, ended well though.

Show and Tell. Thank goodness there was not any but **Goldy** stepped up to the plate to say that his old mate Don Moyse in Murray Bridge has a 1950 TD and a 74 MGB GT for sale , 0438 093 701 will get you to Don. Any more junk in Pop's shed Goldy ?

John Henderson was stressing about the MG Maroon engine colour, David McNaughton has just bought a can of self levelling brush on paint, he has got plenty and really happy.

Anthony Pearson is asking for support in judging concourse cars at our National Meeting next year, I am not sure, in fact I am positive that I cannot meet the standard of the great Guru but I am sure that there are plenty of others out there in our register to help.

Leigh Richter made some comment, good to see him back again, sorry I did not write it down so maybe he can repeat it at Mozza's . Something about a booklet, maybe a starlet not sure.

Mike Greenwood made an appearance along with the boys from down south, Mike's number in the Kimber Run is 136 , well done he's pleased with that late entry.

Finally on a sobering note. Make your Will and include your cars and spare parts too. Don't leave it to your family to order the skip bin and send the precious chassis , gearboxes and diffs to the knackery. Some rare MG parts were saved recently in the nick of time, think about it.

Anyway that is it for another month,1 December we are on the big verandah and picking olives at Eden Hills. It will be another special night for Mozza and Steph and car showcase on the tennis court. Bob Schapel will arrive at 3.00 so he has more time to talk to Mozza.

Cheers, John Bray BOTR