

# \* *March Club Run Report* \*

Saturday 27 March 2021

## Part 1: Morning tea hosted by Jon Miller and Joanne Stephen at their home in Kilmore

Hi all

Saturday 27 March was our second calendar event for 2021.

My planning for the day was as follows

1. Move 'Winston' - the 1964 Ser IV Humber Super Snipe - to the front driveway and erect HCCV banners to make it easy for those attending to identify our house.
2. Purchase hot cross buns from bakery
3. Make scones
4. Set up kitchen
5. Vacuum floor
6. Coffee pot on
7. People arrive
8. Serve morning tea
9. All leave at 10:15 for Puckapunyal Tank Museum – 30 minute drive so arrive at 10:45ish

The plan came crashing down at #1 as 'Winston' fired up but was "missing" and running roughly. A bit annoying since I had fired him up during the week and he was running nicely. Dilemma – investigate and fix or drive 'Esme'

the Toyota. Decided to clean the spark plugs which took 30 minutes and worked (running rich) – however I was then running late for the hot cross buns and scone making. Bit of mild panic as the clock was ticking down to everyone







arriving and I had a bit to do. Enter Jo – who said “chillax, I’ll make the scones”. With that now under control the plan was back on track – but need to say thanks to my Jo Jo for helping me out.

We had approximately 12 people start the event at our place in Kilmore with the aforementioned scones/hot cross buns and tea/coffee. After the lack of events due to Covid, it was so nice to see Humbers out in force and in our street (Jo commented that the street has never looked so classy), people chatting “Humber” and reacquainting themselves with each other. That’s what the club is all about.



Those that started in Kilmore headed off via the old Hume Highway to Broadford, then north along some lovely quiet tree lined country roads to Puckapunyal and the Australian Army Tank Museum. This was the first HCCV event that I have attended where we have driven cars together as a group – it was nice to look in the rear vision mirror and see a conga line of Humbers following.

We arrived at Puckapunyal a little late, where we joined other club members who had driven

directly there. The museum has a large collection of armoured military vehicles dating from the first world war to the present. Member Bob Kennedy, who joined us for the event, was involved in setting up the museum and provided us with a little back ground about certain vehicles, and about his extensive involvement in the army and its various tanks (might make for a good topic of discussion at a future meeting). Highlights of the museum to me were the sectionalised Leopard tank (not a lot of room in there), and the restored Centurion which museum staff fired up.

We headed off to Tallarook Hotel for lunch around 1:00pm, where we had to keep extending the lunch table as more members arrived. There were 10 magnificent Humbers parked in or around the hotel. How fantastic it was to see so many

Jacquie Galea was very well prepared and organised a raffle of some club regalia, and also displayed and took a few orders for the Humber coffee mugs she has organised – thanks Jacquie. Also thanks to Lotte for advertising and sending event reminders.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who attended. It takes time and a bit of effort to organise club events and it makes it so worthwhile when members come out and support the club by showing up.

We have now turned our attention to organising details of our next two club events – being the President’s Invitation Picnic at Hanging Rock, Mt Macedon on 16 May (see separate invitation), followed by a mid- week evening visit to Auto Surplus with the Rootes Group Car Club on 26 May at 6 pm, where staff will give a presentation of spares they can provide, and mechanical services they offer. Auto Surplus are also putting on a sausage sizzle for those that attend so RSVP is required for those who would like to attend.

Jon Miller  
Vice President and Event Co-ordinator



## Part 2: Puckapunyal - Australian Army Tank Museum

<http://www.australianarmytankmuseum.com.au/>



The Museum was packed with people on it's first big open day in a very long while. We were lucky to be early, as there were long queues later. Fortunately Judy Lewis had a copy of The Humberette as her photo ID, as she had not brought her driver's licence!! Ray found his next engine for MM4 (above right).

Photos below from left: Bernie is telling Jo that it was this big! Jan and Lotte in front of the Swedish Stridsvagn Tank. Majella and Rod Burchill. There used to be a Humber on display, but we were told that it had only recently been relocated to Bandiana - a future excursion perhaps?



Bob 'Bloody' Kennedy checking out the indoor display (below). One of my favourites - Red Robbies Axe "souvenired" from a Buick Staff Car. So many photos, so little room! There was an astonishing and diverse range of items on display, including a tier of Charles and Diana's 1981 wedding cake (Prince Charles is Colonel in Chief of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps). A truly fascinating couple of hours. Lotte





### Part 3: Lunch at Tallarook Hotel <https://www.facebook.com/tallarookhotel/>



What a beautiful country pub, quintessentially Aussie with great food and excellent service.

As more Humberites arrived, the table was simply extended to fit us all comfortably. We were in the back dining room with full-length French doors open to the garden. The weather smiled on us, the company was convivial and it was a perfect way to end a delightful club run.

It was lovely to see both familiar faces and new, with lots of happy chatter. Jacquie organised raffles (see next page for the winners). The party broke up at about 3:30-4pm as many people had miles ahead of them to get home.

Many thanks to Jon Miller for organising this memorable experience. Thanks also go to the photographers who have contributed to this report: Jacquie Galea, Jan Beattie, Judy Finch, Judy Lewis, Jon Miller, Ray Linden, and yes, I took one or two myself. Lotte





## Raffle Winners receiving their goodies from Jacquie:



Rod Burchill



Judy Lewis



Ray Linden



Charmaine Clark (with father Kelvin Hughes)



Visitor Mark from Kilmore – 1956 Riley Pathfinder

## Members travelled from around Victoria:

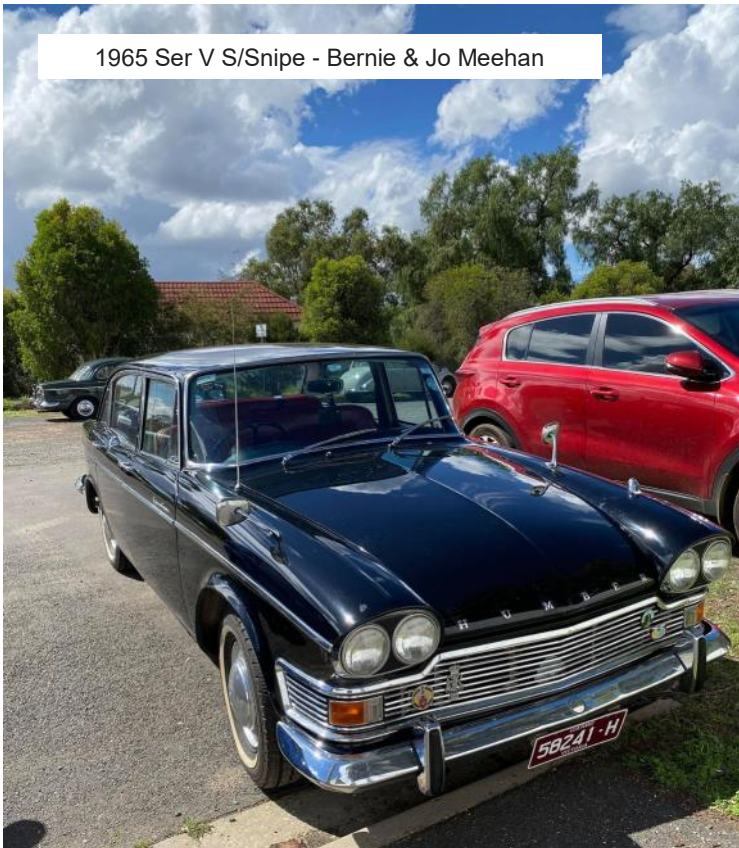
- Rod and Majella Burchill – 1961 Ser III Super Snipe (Gembrook Vic)
- Barry and Margaret Croke – 1967 Ser V Super Snipe (Kialla Vic)
- John Docker - 1954 Mercedes 170SD (Milawa Vic)
- Judy Finch & Jan Beattie – 1962 Ser II Super Snipe (Greensborough Vic)
- Jacquie Galea – 1955 MkVI Hawk (Gisborne Vic)
- Colin Harrison – 1953 Mk IV Super Snipe (Canterbury Vic)
- Kelvin Hughes and Charmaine Clark (Elsternwick Vic)
- Brian Jenkins – 1954 Mk VI Hawk (Bacchus Marsh Vic)
- Bob Kennedy (Glenlyon Vic)
- Lotte and Ray Linden (Castlemaine Vic)
- Judy Lewis and John Washbourne (Park Orchards Vic)
- Daryl and Jennette Maclagan – 1966 Mk II Sceptre (Wodonga Vic)
- Bernie and Jo Meehan – 1965 Ser V Super Snipe (Sandhurst Vic)
- Jon Miller and Joanne Stephen – 1964 Ser IV Super Snipe (Kilmore Vic)
- Hans and Michael Paas – 1963 Ser IV Super Snipe (Castlemaine Vic)





# The magnificent Humbers!

1965 Ser V S/Snipe - Bernie & Jo Meehan



1963 Ser IV S/Snipe - Michael & Hans Paas



1961 Ser II S/Snipe - Rod & Majella Burchill



1955 Mk VI Hawk - Jacquie Galea





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## Honorary mention



1954 Mercedes 170SD - John Docker



## Kennedy's Klangers



Sorry to annoy you, but if all goes well I'll be back in the NT for most of April, then in early May I'll be in Qld at a town called Miles for about a week.

As previously mentioned I have been getting rid of a lot of Humber parts to the scrap metal people. I still have a lot of parts even after 9 skip-loads have gone, so here is a list of some of the parts I held onto:

- Series Hawk and Super Snipe parts:
- Horn Rings complete from first to last
- Starter Motors for both, reconditioned
- Alternators, Generators
- Head Lights 'Lucas' long range and small
- Hub Caps
- Rim embellishers (dress rims)
- Bumper Bars
- Grilles for both Hawks and Snipes
- Tail light lens and reversing light lens

I still have a lot more bits and pieces so call me and I may be able to help out. Sometimes I surprise myself at what I'm finding. The other day I pulled out a set of over-rider springs for a Ser car, so I've held onto them in case someone needs them (you never know).

I suppose by now your New Year resolutions have all been broken or forgotten. I only made 1 resolution 50 years ago and I have stuck to it ever since - NEVER make New Year resolutions.

We all thought that 2020 was bad enough, but I personally think 2021 is not going to be much better. Three months in and a lot of events have already been called off. Will we ever get back to what we used to enjoy as 'normal', and if so - when?

In addition to getting rid of a lot of Humber gear, I have also sold a Bentley, 2 Daimlers, a Jaguar Mk 10, plus some Humber units.

I was getting closer to working on my 1961 Ser II Hawk Wagon, but was stopped in my tracks by a

major back operation. Six hours on the operating table - it must have been boring as I slept right through it. A mate has restored a Dash for me and it looks fabulous. Before my op I cleaned all the instruments and polished all the bright work and it all looks like new. I have yet to connect the dash back into the wagon.

I think all my Mk IV Super Snipe gear has now gone to Dianne Erdmanis. My collection of 1930s and 1940s parts are staying with me at this stage, although I still sell some now and again.

Until next time, Happy Humbering.

*Bob Kennedy*

Post Script: I have just arrived home from the club outing to Puckapunyal Army Tank Museum, and I must thank Jon Miller for organising it. Many, many years ago I was one of the people who helped set up the first tank museum, where the present one is, and I can say that it has grown quite a lot since my day.

Once again Jon, thank you for a very pleasant and enjoyable day out. *RK*



Jennette & Daryl MacLagan and John Docker with Bob Kennedy