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1880

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$40.00

ADULTS
$20.00

CONCESSION/
CHILDREN
$10.00

★ SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER ★

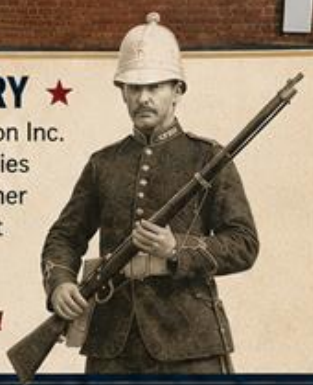


FORT GLANVILLE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION INC. EST. 1970

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as members of the Fort Glanville Historical Association Inc. provide uniformed re-enactments of military activities including cannon and carbine firing drills at the former headquarters of South Australia's first permanent military force.

Dating from 1880 it is the most complete and authentic colonial fort in Australia, built to defend the then colony from enemy attack.



MEET:
OFFICERWORKS
PARAFIELD CARPARK

MEET TIME:
11.00am

★ **DON'T MISS OUT!**
A great day of history, heritage and family fun.

★ BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ★

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KITT – The Car That Made Me Feel Like Michael Knight

Like many people growing up in the 1980s, I was completely hooked on the television series Knight Rider. Every week I couldn't wait to see what adventure Michael Knight and his incredible talking car, KITT, would get into next. To me, KITT wasn't just a television car—it was the coolest car ever built.

Based on a 1982 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am, KITT—or Knight Industries Two Thousand—could think, talk, drive itself and even leap over obstacles using its famous Turbo Boost. With its sleek black paintwork, glowing red scanner across the front and futuristic dashboard, it captured the imagination of millions of viewers around the world.

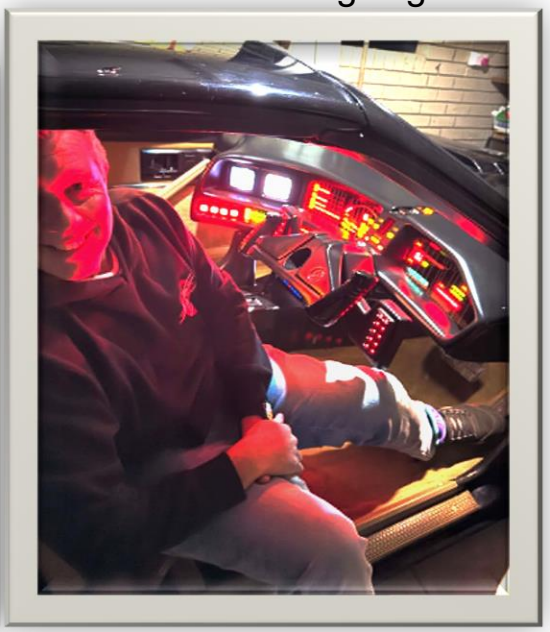
The friendship between Michael Knight and KITT was unlike anything seen on television before. KITT wasn't simply a machine; it had a personality, a wonderful sense of humor and an unwavering loyalty to its driver. It was impossible not to become attached to the car.

Years later, when I saw a KITT look-alike advertised for sale, I didn't need much convincing—I simply had to have it. It was one of those opportunities that comes along only once, and I knew I'd regret letting it pass.

Today, KITT proudly sits among my collection of vehicles and is undoubtedly one of the most talked-about cars I own. Wherever I take it, people stop, smile and often point it out to friends. Driving through the streets of Adelaide, it never fails to turn heads. Young children wave excitedly, while adults who grew up watching Knight Rider instantly recognise it and are transported back to Friday nights in front of the television.

One of the greatest pleasures of owning the car is seeing the smiles it brings to people of all ages. It has become far more than just another vehicle in the shed—it is a wonderful conversation starter and a reminder of a television series that inspired a generation of car enthusiasts to dream about what the future of motoring might look like.





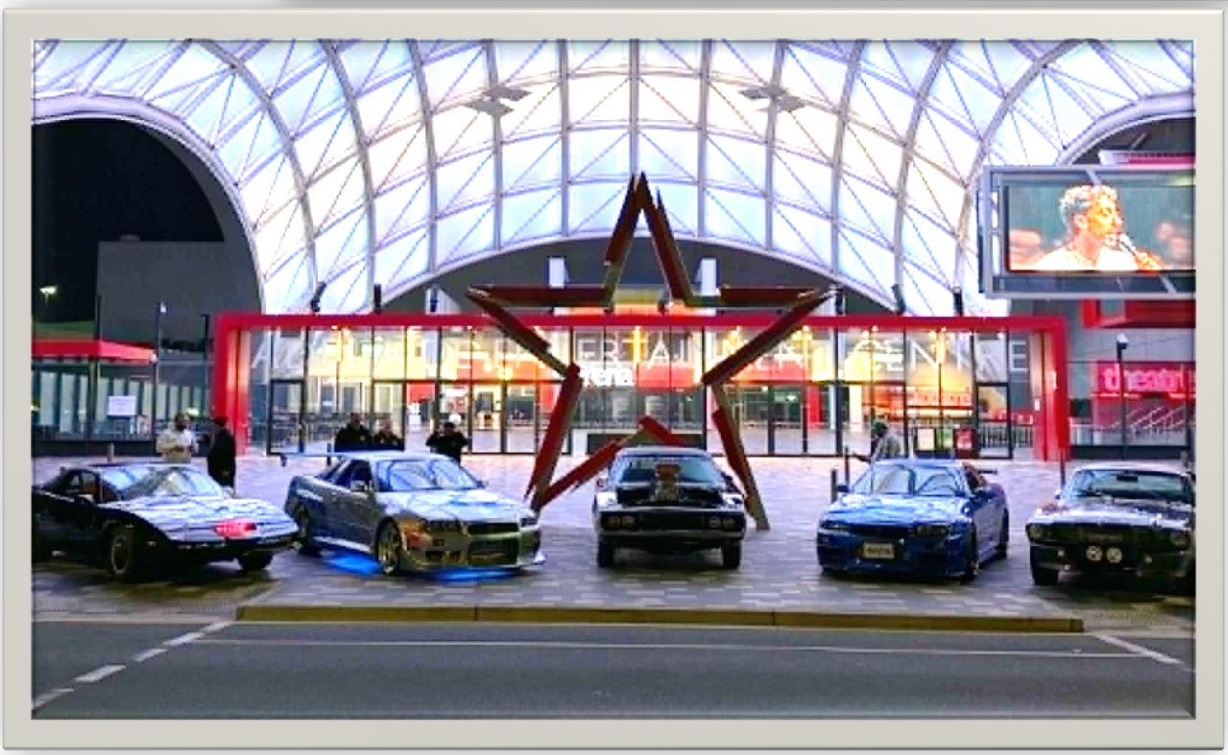
Technology has finally caught up with many of the ideas that once seemed impossible. Modern cars can park themselves, respond to voice commands and assist with autonomous driving. Yet for many of us, no modern vehicle quite captures the imagination like KITT did more than forty years ago.

Every time I slip behind the wheel, I can't help but feel just a little like Michael Knight. Thankfully, Adelaide's speed limits mean I haven't had the chance to try Turbo Boost—and perhaps that's just as well!

KITT may have started life as a television star, but for me it has become one of the true highlights of my collection, bringing back wonderful memories every time I turn the key.

Jake Bonnici





UPCOMING RUN

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Meet at
9.15am

Join us for a relaxing day of friendship, great conversation and good food with fellow members.

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SOUP


MAIN


SWEETS

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE RECENT FEDERATION MEETING

Members are asked to take particular note of the following information discussed at the recent Federation Meeting.

New Code of Practice – Hot Rods & Modified Vehicles

A **new Code of Practice** is now available on the Federation website, allowing **SA Hot Rods and Modified Vehicles** to become members.

Members who own, or are considering purchasing, a modified or hot rod vehicle are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new requirements.

NSW Roadside Blitz – Historic Vehicles

A recent roadside inspection blitz conducted in **New South Wales** produced some concerning results:

- **85 historic vehicles** were inspected.
- **25 vehicles were defected.**
- **19 vehicles were not correctly listed as historic vehicles.**
- **16 vehicles were unable to be driven following inspection and were removed from road use.**

While these inspections occurred in NSW, the results are a timely reminder to all historic vehicle owners to ensure their vehicle, registration, documentation and any modifications comply with the appropriate requirements.

Personalised Registration Plates – Don't Lose Them!

Members with **personalised registration plates** that are not currently being used should be aware of the rules surrounding their retention.

If personalised plates are being stored and **are not renewed before the applicable five-year period expires**, the plate combination may become available to be claimed by another person. Once this happens, the original owner may **lose the rights to that personalised registration number**.

If you have personalised plates in storage, make sure you keep track of the renewal date.

IMPORTANT – Speedometer Mileage When Registering a Historic Vehicle

Members should take particular notice of this information when registering a vehicle that:

- Has been rebuilt or fully restored;
- transferred from another state or territory; or
- imported from another country.

When the vehicle is presented for inspection, **ensure the speedometer/odometer shows a relevant amount of mileage and is not effectively displaying zero mileage.**

A Federation club member recently purchased a restored **Austin** and encountered a significant registration problem because the speedometer indicated only **0.8 miles**.

The vehicle was subsequently treated as a **new vehicle**, meaning it was expected to comply with the Australian Design Rules (ADRs) applicable to a new vehicle. As an older historic vehicle, it could not meet those requirements.

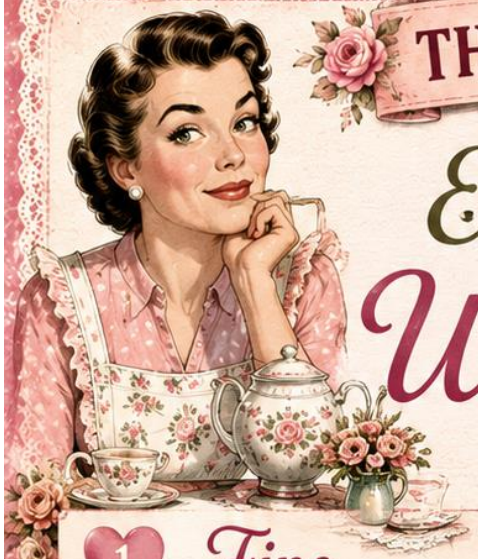
The matter has now been under review by the relevant Department authorities for approximately **10 months**, and registration has still not been approved.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

If you are rebuilding, restoring, importing or transferring a historic vehicle for registration in South Australia, **check the speedometer/odometer reading before presenting the vehicle for inspection.**

A very low or near-zero mileage reading could potentially create significant registration complications.

A little preparation before inspection could save months of frustration afterwards.



THE LADIES' PAGE

Eight Words Women Use

Understanding these eight words could save you a lot of grief!

1 Fine

This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

2 Five Minutes

If she is getting dressed, this means at least half an hour. Five minutes only means five minutes if you have been given time to watch the footy before helping around the house.

3 Nothing

This is the calm before the storm. This means something and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in *fine*.

4 Go Ahead

This is a dare., not permission. Don't do it.

5 Loud Sigh

This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here arguing with you about nothing. (Refer to #3 for meaning of nothing)

6 That's Okay.

This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

7 Thanks.

A woman is thanking you. Do not question or faint. Just say *you're welcome* (I add a clause here) This is true, unless she says "Thanks a lot" – That is pure sar casm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say "You're Welcome" That will bring on a "Whatever"

8 Don't worry about it. I got it.

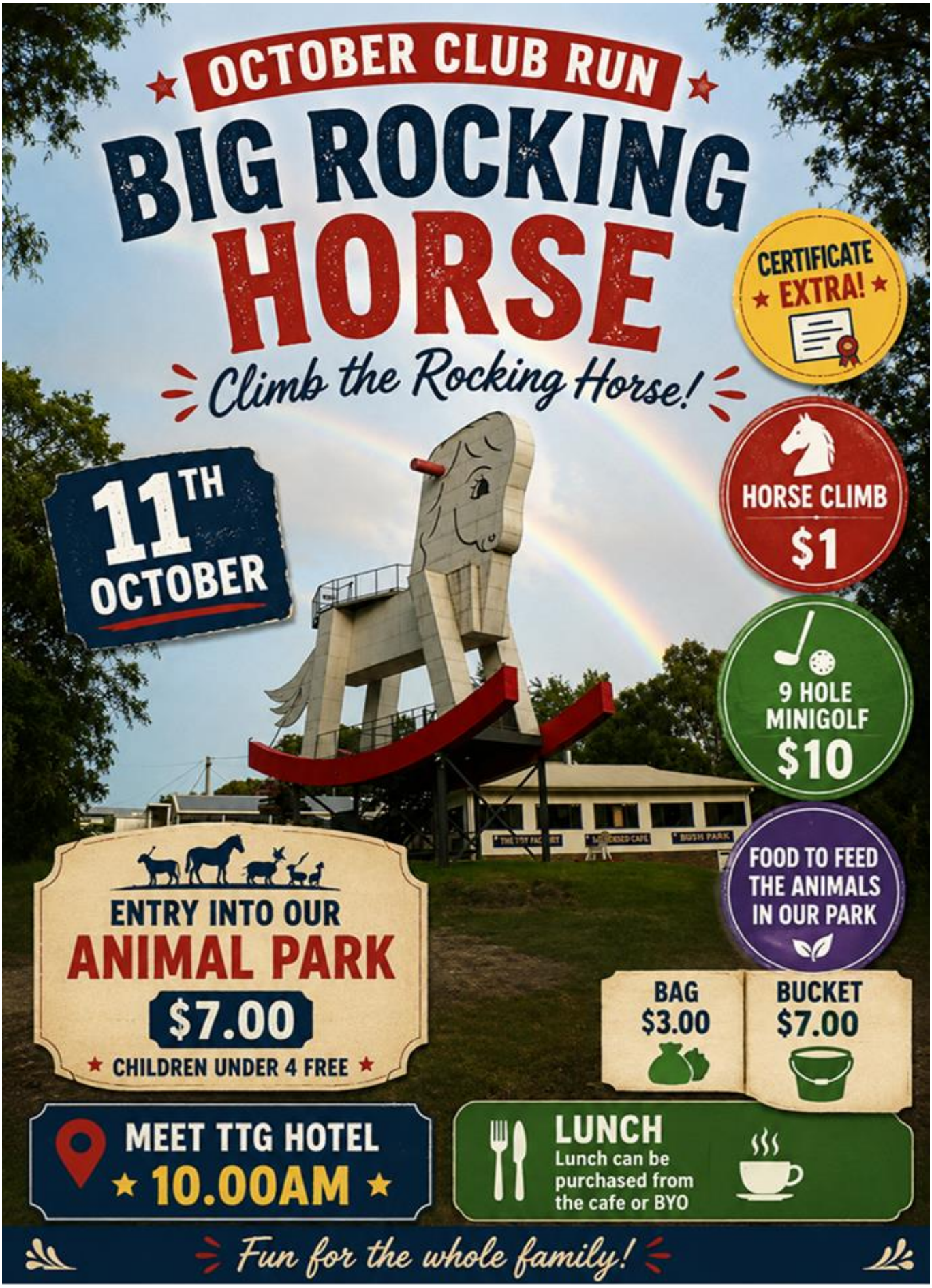
Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking "What's wrong?" For the woman's response refer to #3

From an old married man with years of experience.



Remember Gentlemen:

It's not that we don't understand women.
It's just that we enjoy the adventure!


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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Jenny McKenzie 6
- Roman O'Connor ..... 6 - *60 years old*
- Ian Russell 13
- Alana Millard ..... 17 - *60 years old*
- Biaggino Giorgio 17
- Michael Miller 24

KIDS CLUB *Birthday*

- Nerys Kirby ..... 5 - *1st birthday*



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FROM THE COMMITTEE

CHRISTMAS *Party*

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Club will once again be sponsoring a **Christmas Party for all members and their families.**

A very special visitor from the North Pole

WILL BE JOINING US!

SUNDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2026

HOUGHTON

It will be a wonderful opportunity for our members, families and FOVM Kids Club to come together and celebrate another great year of friendship and motoring.

Stay tuned – further information will be coming soon!



DID YOU KNOW?

A simple idea that changed motoring forever.

1912 – No More Cranking!

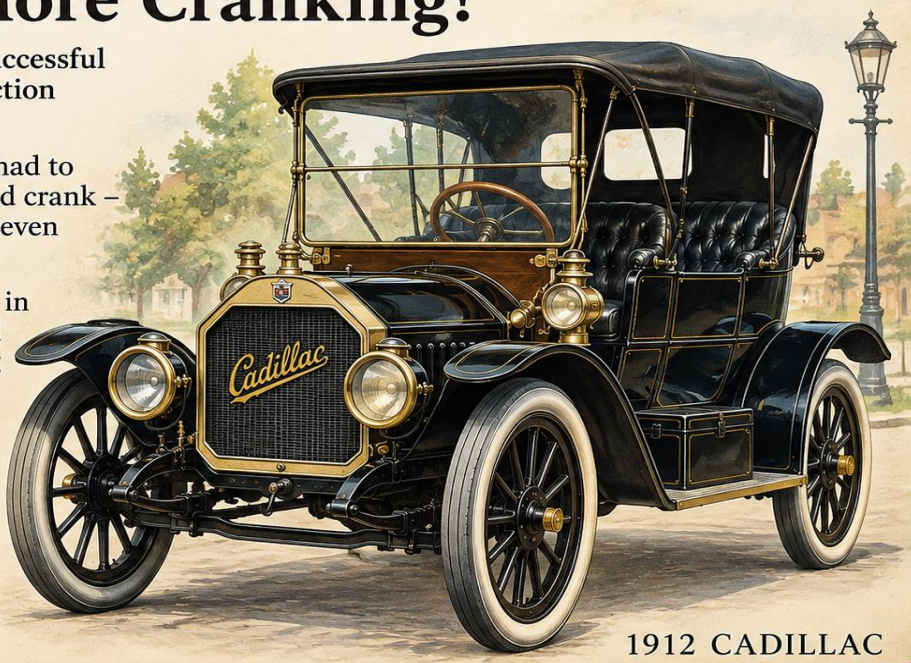
Cadillac introduced the first successful electric self-starter on a production automobile in 1912.

Until then, motorists generally had to start their cars by turning a hand crank – a job that could be difficult and even dangerous.

The electric starter helped usher in the modern automotive electrical system, with the battery becoming essential for starting, lighting and ignition.



The old hand crank



1912 CADILLAC

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday 20th Sept.	**Fort Glanville** **Organiser: Erin Lawes** *erinlawes@gmail.com*
Monday 28th Sept.	**Wakefield House** **Organiser: Mik Bojko** *friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com*
Sunday 11th October	**The Big Rocking Horse Gumeracha** **Organisers: The Committee** *friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com*
Sunday 8th November	**Mik's famous Cherry Run Adelaide Hills** **Organisers: Mik Bojko** *friendsofvintagemotoring@outlook.com*
Sunday 13th December	**Christmas Party Houghton** **Organiser: Kelly & Maxine** *kiar@bigpond.com*

2026 MOTORING EVENTS CALENDAR

SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

★ SAVE THESE DATES! ★

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
★ ARTHUR CLISBY PICNIC DAY
★ MACCLESFIELD ★

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026
★ KADINA
★ SHOW & SHINE ★

MON 12 OCTOBER 2026 → **WED 21 OCTOBER 2026**
FEDERATION MOTORFEST 2026

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER
EDINBURGH MILITARY MUSEUM
★ 50 YR ANNIVERSARY ★
OPEN DAY

★★ FEATURE EVENT ★★
★ BAY TO BIRDWOOD ★
SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

BRING IT! ★ SWAP IT! ★ SHOW IT! ★ SHARE THE PASSION!

★ GET OUT & ENJOY THESE EVENTS ★
Celebrating South Australia's Motoring Heritage

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