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BARBECUE ANYONE?



Let's start off this month with some positive news! We're having a giant barbecue!

A morning tea followed by a barbecue lunch has been planned for Thursday, 8th October (weather permitting) to be held at the Waterboard Reserve on the left just a couple of hundred metres past the Fitzroy Falls national Parks Centre on the left.

The format will be bring-your-own everything and will start at the shelter around 10:30 with a cup of tea (boiling water provided) and a chat with a barbecue lunch (barbecues available) around 12 noon. You are invited to come for either or both and of course bring you partner.

The park is quite a peaceful and picturesque setting and it will give members a chance to re-connect. Please abide by general Covid requirements and if you are at all sick with cold symptoms or have visited a Covid area recently please do not attend and place others at risk.

If you are coming along we need to know so please let Gordon Dummer know by email preferably at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or send him an message on 0418 343556.

I am sure we are all looking forward to this social outing so please put it on your calendar and we will see you there!

GENERAL MEETINGS

There are currently no plans to resume general meetings for the foreseeable future. Restrictions on

the size of meetings and other venue requirements make this impossible for a large club like ours to gather within the government guidelines.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Spring birthday boys are celebrating this month and there are quite a few of them.

Ross Parker	Roy Alvaro
John Clancy	Dennis Cooper
Vern Cottee	Brian Dawkins
Francis de Beaujeu	Peter Dunn
Kevin Ferrari	Michael Gray
Stan Morgans	Bruce Rosenberg

The lucky happy birthday wine winner for the month of September is Francis de Beaujeu.

Congratulations also go to Stan Morgans who reaches his ninth decade this month. Well done Stan from all the members of the club,

THE FRANK CONROY CONVERSATIONS

This month we have a replay of Frank Conroy's interview with Maurice Lionel Newman AC (born 20 April 1938 in Ilford, England) who was an Australian

businessman who has served in a range of public roles, including as Chairperson of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, chair of the board of the Australian Stock Exchange, Chancellor of Macquarie University, and a member of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council. The interview follows Maurice's career from his school days in Gordon to a leader in the finance industry.

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen to this interesting chat.

BEECHWORTH CANCELLED

Just a reminder to those who may have missed last month's announcement that the Beechworth trip has been cancelled at least for this year.

SHOALHAVEN LUNCH CRUISE

Also cancelled for this year is the previously postponed Shoalhaven Lunch Cruise and the company has returned our deposits and these will be refunded to members either through direct bank deposit where possible or by club cheque posted out



by the treasurer, Brian Collath. These refunds will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

COFFEE GROUPS

One way of staying connected during this time is to get together in small groups for a social cup of coffee. The Bradman Café and no doubt many other cafes make a great cup of coffee and there is plenty of social distancing. Why not ring a fellow member and arrange an extended morning break.

STAYING CONNECTED

PSPL regularly send out an online publication called "Staying Connected" This month's edition features articles on kite making, walking and riding, organising a picnic and camping. This publication is available online and can be accessed [CLICK HERE](#).

SAIC GROUP - A GLOBAL FORTUNE 500 COMPANY

SAIC Motor Group ranks 52nd among the 2020 Fortune Global 500 Companies and 7th in Global Automobile rankings. The Shanghai Automobile and Industrial Corporation is the largest auto manufacturer in China.

Full year 2018 resulted in production of 7.05 million vehicles, up 24.1% on the previous year. Overseas sales totalled 277,000 units. Consolidated sales revenue totalled \$122.0714 billion. Significant growth is expected in both these numbers over the next few years.

SAIC has research and development centres in the United Kingdom and California. There are 5 major manufacturing bases, 4 in China and 1 in Rayong Thailand (which is also a hub for RHD production for a number of manufacturers from around the world).

The company will launch its first fuel cell MPV this year and its smart 5G + L4 smart autonomous heavy trucks have started quasi-commercial operations. Fuel cell vehicles are considered to be the ultimate goal of new energy vehicles and a long-term strategic project for major global auto companies. However, there are currently very few fuel cell vehicle products that can truly achieve commercial operation.

In 2018, SAIC Motor established Shanghai Hydrogen Propulsion Technology Co Ltd (SHPT Co), to further accelerate the research on independent core technologies of fuel cells.

With a goal of meeting new development trend of "software defines cars" SAIC Motor have set up a software centre to aggregate the world's top intelligent network talent teams.

The cumulative registered users of its Ride Hailing app Xiangdao's, has exceeded 10 million with a user satisfaction rate of 97%

SAIC Motor subsidiaries in their passenger vehicle divisions include SAIC Maxus, SAIC Volkswagen-Skoda, SAIC General Motors, SAIC GM-Wuling, Buick and Chevrolet, SAIC IVECO, NAVECO (trucks), Hongyan and Sunwin.

During 2009 SAIC acquired British Motor Corporation which included LDV (Leyland DAF Vehicles). In July 2020 SAIC passenger vehicle brand Roewe (previous BMC owned Rover sedans) sold 56,000 vehicles around the world achieving positive year on year growth.

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, SAIC Motor has been striving to maintain economic operations and accelerate its innovative development strategy in the fields of Electrification, Intelligence and Connectivity, Sharing and Globalisation.

SAIC products currently sold in New Zealand include the MG ZS and GS SUV's the MG hatchback,



the LDV ute range and G/V series vans. The MG vehicles are distributed by a factory owned company while the LDV's are handled separately by a NZ owned company. Other Chinese brands sold in New Zealand and Australia include Great Wall and its SUV offshoot Haval. Chinese owned brands include Volvo and Lotus, the Geely Company holds 100% of the former and 51% of the latter.

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THE AMAZING FALKIRK WHEEL

We are used to seeing narrow boats on British canals going through locks as they pass along the picturesque canals. The Falkirk Wheel is the world's first and only rotating boat lift, designed and built to connect the Forth & Clyde Canal and the Union Canal which allows coast to coast navigation across central Scotland. This device moves boats between the Forth & Clyde Canal to the level of the Union Canal which is 35 meters (115 ft) above at a cost equivalent to boiling a kettle eight times and completes the transfer in just 30 minutes.



See it working [CLICK HERE](#).

See how it works [CLICK HERE](#).