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## CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021







# Falcon GT Club of SA Inc

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# ***CLUB EVENTS for 2021***

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>
<b>Jun-21</b>	Tuesday 15 Jun	Club Meeting – Seaton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sunday 27 Jun</b>	<b>Club Rego Day</b>
<b>Jul-21</b>	Tuesday 20 Jul	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sunday 25 Jul</b>	
<b>Aug-21</b>	Tuesday 17 Aug	AGM – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sunday 29 Aug</b>	<b>Barossa Brauhaus - Cruise to Angaston</b>
<b>Sep-21</b>	Tuesday 21 Sep	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sunday 19 Sep</b>	<b>Cruise to Clarendon</b>
<b>Oct-21</b>	Tuesday 19 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sunday 17 Oct</b>	<b>All Ford Day - Oakbank</b>
<b>Nov-21</b>	Tuesday 16 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sunday 21 Nov</b>	<b>Bow Hill</b>
<b>Dec-21</b>	Tuesday 21 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Saturday 11 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Jan-22</b>		
	<b>Wed 26 Jan</b>	<b>Australia Day Cruise - TBA</b>
<b>Feb-22</b>	Tuesday 15 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	<b>Sat 19 Feb</b>	<b>30th Anniversary Dinner</b>

**See newsletter flyers for full details.**

Club meetings are currently held on the **THIRD Tuesday** of each month

**SEATON HOTEL**

**253 Tapleys Hill Rd, Seaton**





Hi Peeps,

We had our first meeting at the Alberton Hotel which has a dedicated meeting room meaning we don't get disrupted and we don't disrupt other patrons. Win win I reckon.

Due to covid, the Xmas in July club run has been rescheduled so now it's the Xmas in August club run to the Barossa Brauhaus Hotel on the 29th August. Meet at Officeworks, Main North Road, Parafield at 10.30am for a 11am depart. Club run to Clarendon for September. Details to come.

Don't forget the All Ford Day on October 17th at Oakbank. 7 spots left for our club display, don't miss out.

Club Years of Membership plaques were presented to various members who have been continuous members for 10+ and 20+ years. Thankyou for your continuous support.

Club AGM went smooth with only 1 change, that being Gabby Hayes stepping down as treasurer for 10+ years and Tony Parente taking up the position.

Thanks for a great job Gabby and thanks to Tony for accepting the challenge.

Look forward to seeing you for this Sunday's club run to the Barossa.

Next meeting is on Tuesday the 21st August 7.30pm. Meals available beforehand.

Call me about anything,

See ya  
Karl

0408351391



Hello

After surviving our week long LOCKDOWN, and watching the concerning degree of complacency occurring on the east coast, as representatives of this Club (soon turning 30), we must remember to appreciate the freedoms we currently experience and maintain efforts to do the right thing when attending Club Events. Please wear chaff bags, or muzzles, and anyone with any symptoms need to 'Far Cough!!!'

Our fantastic Events Team, Bryan and Karen have filled our Event Calendar with some sort of cruise, lunch or show. This week it's July V2, at the Brauhaus in Angaston, with key event following, the All Ford Day on the 17 Oct.....to which Unicorn and I have already registered one of our EBs, yes, the EB, like the 'Plastic Fantastic' on this edition's cover.

I am sure it is no secret, I like the 90's Falcon. I had just turned driving age in 1991, and the EA/EB was the flash new Ford in the showrooms,....and more importantly, the V8 had returned. This edition, I provide some thoughts on the E Series, Tickford, GTs and make no excuses for my passionate comments.

As for the EBs you ask? Yes, we have two,....one looks like the photo above, the other is Unicorn's new Aussie Muscle Car Run carriage. *Her first Ford,.....only took 6 years to sway her.* In later editions, I hope to provide a platform for all those Club members that are participating, eg: El Pres and the First Lady, and not to forget Kevin May, whose vision for the AMCR and his tireless work, has created something which will hopefully endure with new caretakers, Varity Children's Charities. Search for us all via this link:

<https://aussie-muscle-car-run-2022.raisely.com/>

Also, next month, to recognise the King of all Muscle Cars turning 50 (*do I have to say GT..H...*), Hugh returns, sharing his refection's on owning a blue one.

till then.....keep on Grand Touring.

Cheers.

**Mr Ed**



# Pearl (30<sup>th</sup>) ANNIVERSARY Dinner

Perpetuating the Legendary FALCON GT

**SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2022 from 6:30pm**



On the 11th of February 1992 the inaugural meeting of The Falcon GT Club of South Australia (FGTCSA) was held at the Naval Military Club on Hutt St in the city.

30 years on, the club is still very much active and committed to

**‘Perpetuating the Legendary Falcon GT’**

whilst providing an enjoyable social environment for GT owners & their families.

To mark this milestone achievement, the FGTCSA will host a special

**30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

at the Hilton Hotel in the city just after our birth date.

This will be complimentary for all current full and associate members & partners (adults only please) & will include a dinner & drinks package, with a live band & dancing. Accommodation will be available at the Hilton at a special rate for those wishing to make it a complete night.

***Dress to Impress.....drinks and dinner package from 6:30pm till midnight.***



Please RSVP to:  
[admin@gtclubsa.com.au](mailto:admin@gtclubsa.com.au)  
Thank you  
FGTCSA Committee





# Minutes of Meeting

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Tuesday 17 Aug 2021  
Alberton Hotel

## FALCON GT CLUB MEETING - ..../..../..

### Attendance Record

Please print your full name clearly!!!

PRESENT	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
CHRIS CARROLL		TERRY IONKIM
Tony Jordan		JAMES DISALVO
MURRAY BLIGHT		Bev NORWOOD
M. HARVEY		Lisa Polson
J. WHEEL		Kevin + Kathleen may Minchinman
KERRY XENOPHON		
Craig Wood		Jim Gorinazzo
JAMIE + LISA McNEIL		Ron Lecky
Rob GIBBONS		
Peter Polson		
SEAN JOHNSON		
Joe Pinneri		
Ian McAvoy		
Tony Parente		
Hugh + Julie W.		
John + Di Walters		
Gabby + Robyn Hayes		
Karl Brown		
Leanne Brown		
Karen + Bryan McMillan		
Michael Starnes		





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FALCON GT CLUB OF SA CLUB MEETING TUES 17/8/21

OPEN 7.47PM

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED AS CORRECT MARILYN W

SECONDED LEANNE BROWN

CORRESPONDANCE SEE NEWSLETTER

BUSINESS ARISING:

HISTORIC REGO DAY AT THE DOG CLUB WENT WELL AND NOT AS BUSY AS EXPECTED

GABBY:LOOKED INTO UPDATING THE SCROLLS FOR TROPHY WINNERS AT GT NATIONALS. THEY CAN BE COLOUR MATCHED BY REID BROTHERS \$220 PLUS GST OR \$200 PLUS GST FOR 2 SCROLLS AS THEY FILL QUICKLY. THE SCROLLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE UPDATED AS WELL WHEN REQUIRED

This marks the LAST meeting Gabby will be as treasurer and he is the OUTGOING treasure with TONY PARENTE the INCOMING treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT    See Note below

MOVED AS CORRECT JOE W

SECONDED TONY P

THANKS FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SERVICE TO THE FALCON GT CLUB OF SA KNACKERS! STILL WAITING FOR OUR DRINKS!!!

ANNIVERSARY PLAQUES

**Note:** With the introduction of the "Batch Banking" and new Visa Card system to the way our club makes transactions/payments we no longer need the Cheque Account. As from now 17/08/2021 the Cheque Account will be closed and the remaining funds in this account will be transferred into one of our other existing accounts.



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ORGANISED AND PAID AT A COST TO THE CLUB OF \$2800 AFTER AN INITIAL QUOTE FROM ANOTHER COMPANY FOR OVER \$6000!

HISTORIAN NIL

## CLUB ANNIVERSARY DINNER UPDATE

There is now a link available to book accommodation if its required. The rate will change and is not constant with the venue indicating that the cheapest rates will potentially be in September October. The link is on the clubs facebook page for those of you on social media. A deposit of \$3600 has been paid, a second payment of \$7200 needs to be made shortly and the final payment of \$7200 due in December. We are looking to accommodate 100 people for the event so don't leave it too late!

Sean J suggested the club should be sending out invites to FORMER members and is happy to put together a suggested list of people who are not part of the club anymore but have contributed.

## EVENTS

Xmas in July will now be in august thanks to something called Covid. It will be a run to the Angaston Brew House see details in the newsletter

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a run to the Clarendon Hotel see details in the newsletter

All Ford Day



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If the club wants a display of 20 cars together with a marquee and trailer we will need to provide 4 judges and a covid marshall. Leanne has offered to be covid marshall with the four judges who volunteered being Karl, Blackie Kerry and John Walters

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Polson proposed the club organises a zoom account if covid comes back and will look into the logistics of it for the club.

Tony P purchased a new printer for \$260 and the club will pay for the printer and associated cartridges. Old printer will be disposed of

Michael S Armando from FHMC has made contact and is happy to come and discuss all things historic rego in lay persons terms at our next meeting and Michael will organise this

Peter P the Tshirt supplier will come to the next meeting but designs have been completed and look great on the phone!

Sean J Mike Perry may have left Maughan Thiems?!

10 and 20 yr anniversary plaques were presented for those eligible and present also. Well done and thank you to all recipients

Meeting closed 8.51pm



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**From:** secretary@fhmcsa.org.au <secretary@fhmcsa.org.au>

**Sent:** Sunday, 18 July 2021 9:49 PM

**To:** David Searles <dsearles10@bigpond.com>; Morvan Melva <mmgreen1@bigpond.com>

**Subject:** Diary Dates

Two New Dates for the Diary

17-19th September

McDonalds Victor Harbor Rock 'n' Roll Festival

31st October

"Down Under" London to Brighton

Full details of both Events are available from our web-site





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**From:** Admin <admin@gtclubsa.com.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 11 July 2021 6:13 PM  
**To:** secretary@gtclubsa.com.au  
**Subject:** FW: Save the Date - Yankalilla Classic Motor Show

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**From:** Peter Filsell [mailto:pfilsell@westnet.com.au]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 10 July 2021 10:46 PM  
**To:** admin@gtclubsa.com.au  
**Subject:** Save the Date - Yankalilla Classic Motor Show

## Lions Club of Yankalilla and District Inc.

PO Box 184  
YANKALILLA SA 5203  
9/7/2021

Falcon GT Club of SA  
PO Box 289 Kent Town 5071

Dear Sir/Madam

The rumble of classic cars will return to Yankalilla for the Yankalilla Classic Motor Show on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to be held at the Yankalilla Showgrounds. This inaugural event will be presented by the Yankalilla & District Lions Club supported by local classic car enthusiasts.

This initial contact is intended to give your car club advanced notice of this new event and enable you to include the event in your calendar. A comprehensive information pack covering registrations details will follow in early August.

If your members would like more information do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

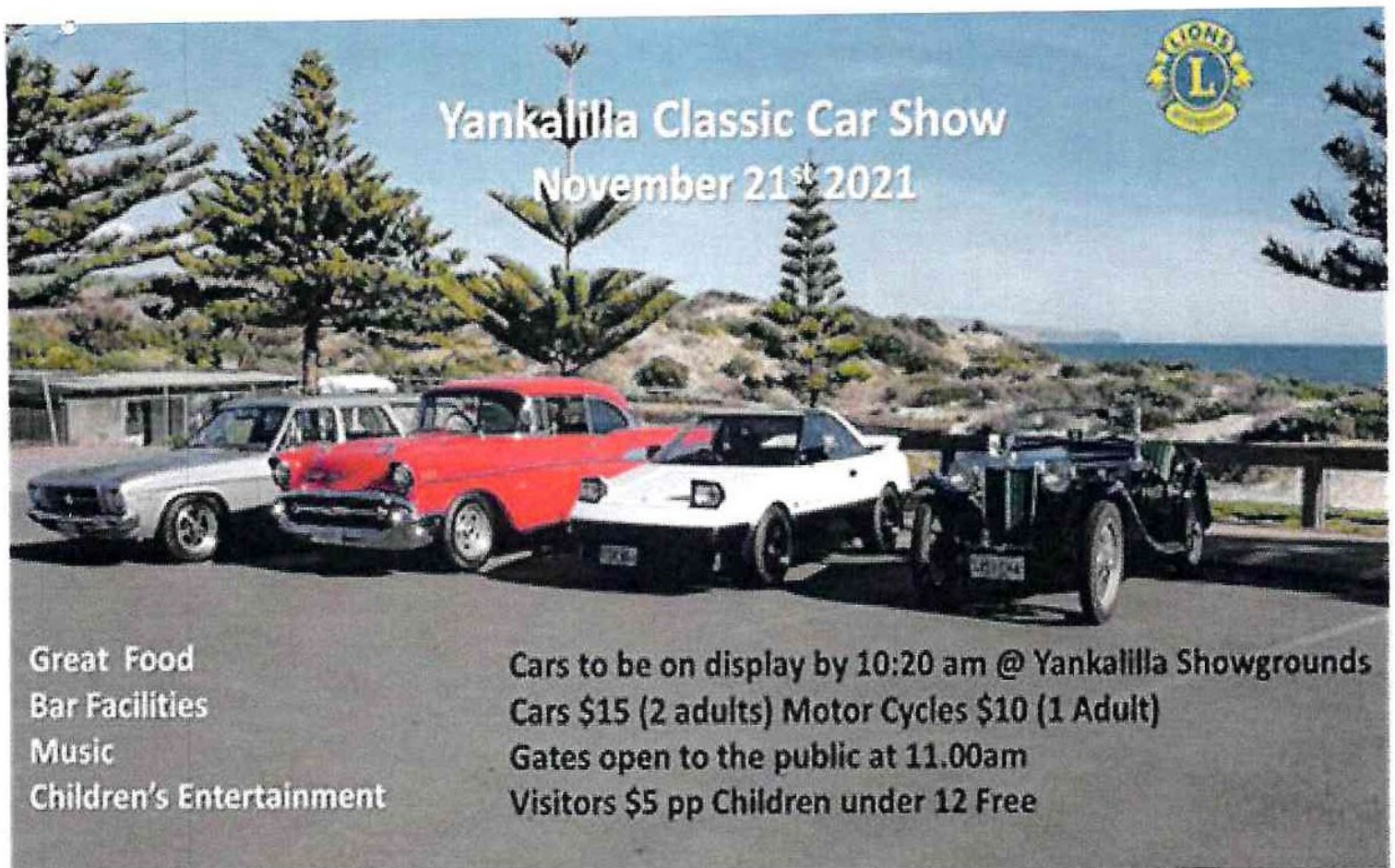
Rosslyn Hoffmann	Peter Filsell
Event Secretary	Event Chairman
0414 995 669	0427 534 095
Yankalilla Classic Motor Show	
Email <a href="mailto:yankalillaclassic@gmail.com">yankalillaclassic@gmail.com</a>	



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A promotional poster for the Yankalilla Classic Car Show. The background is a photograph of several classic cars parked on a paved area with trees and a coastal landscape in the background. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo with a yellow 'L' and the word 'LIONS' above it.

**Yankalilla Classic Car Show**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

Great Food  
Bar Facilities  
Music  
Children's Entertainment

Cars to be on display by 10:20 am @ Yankalilla Showgrounds  
Cars \$15 (2 adults) Motor Cycles \$10 (1 Adult)  
Gates open to the public at 11.00am  
Visitors \$5 pp Children under 12 Free





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**From:** Michael Stavrides <mstav7@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 6:41 PM  
**To:** UDC Para Hills  
**Subject:** FW: All Ford Day SA 2021 - Entries Open 6th August

**From:** allforddaysa <allforddaysa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 August 2021 9:13 PM  
**To:** All Ford Day SA <allforddaysa@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** All Ford Day SA 2021 - Entries Open 6th August

Dear Previous/Prospective Entrant,

We would like to invite you to be involved in the next All Ford Day South Australia event to be held on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. Entries will open from **6pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

Thanks to you, other past entrants, our sponsors and contributors, All Ford Day SA has been a great success, with many visitors coming out to see the variety of Ford manufactured vehicles on display.

After not being able to hold the event in 2020 due to COVID restrictions we are excited and looking forward to the 2021 event, pending the COVID Management Plan approval by SA Health.

In 2021 we will be celebrating Ford "Through the Decades" that will focus on the many different shapes and sizes of Ford vehicles in the past 118 years of Ford releases. We are also excited to be moving to a new location at Oakbank Racecourse in the Adelaide Hills. Over the past few years, the event has more than doubled in size and our new location will allow us the space we need to continue to grow and allow for more cars on display, as well as providing additional space for the new requirements that COVID brings.

As per previous years the event will be open for entrant setup from 7:30am with the gates to be open to the public between 10am and 4pm.

## **Entries:**

Due to COVID requirements we are requesting that this year **all entries be made through our online booking system** which accepts both credit card and PayPal payment methods.

Please follow this link to enter from 6pm Friday 6th August 2021: [AFD Online Entry](#)

Entries will open from **6pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021** and **pre-entries will remain open until Friday 1st October**. This year we have introduced an additional option to enter for Display Only (non-judged), this has a reduced entry fee for those that would like to enter to display but not have their vehicle judged. If you have any questions or are unable to enter using the online system, please contact the AFD team directly for an alternative option.

Judged pre-entries will be \$30 for the first car and \$25 for each additional car (must be owned by the same person). The first 400 vehicles entered will receive a commemorative medallion and goody bag to be collected on the day of the event.

All entry information will also be available via our website, please feel free to distribute to others as well: [www.allfordday.net.au](http://www.allfordday.net.au)

## **Late Entries:**

After the pre-entry closes, late entries will **ONLY be accepted via our Late Entry Online booking** system. Due to COVID requirements, **late entries will NOT be accepted on the day** at the venue as has been done in the past. Late Entry will be open until the day before the event, closing at **12pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. Late entries will be subject to a \$10 Late Entry surcharge, will NOT be eligible for judging and will be required to park in the Late Entry Area.

## **COVID Requirements:**

For contact tracing purposes anyone attending the event will be required to utilise the South Australian Government COVID SAfe QR Check-in system upon arrival to the venue (or the backup paper log). Please be prepared to present your check-in at the entry gate. All Ford Day SA reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone that does not comply with these requirements in accordance with our COVID Management Plan - No check-in, No Entry.

As with previous years, the 2021 event will have lots of great raffles, trade stalls and trophies for entrants on the day.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our sponsors, contributors and vendors that provide us with great support to help make the event a success each year. You can find the full list of sponsors on our website. If you or anyone you know is interested in supporting the event, information can be found via the following link: [AFD Sponsor & Trade Pack](#)

We look forward to having you involved in the upcoming event, which is set to be a great day out for all involved. If you have any queries, please contact our Entry Director on 0476 297 455 or email us at [allforddaysa@gmail.com](mailto:allforddaysa@gmail.com)

Regards,  
AFD Team  
[www.allfordday.net.au](http://www.allfordday.net.au)



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**From:** Michael Stavrides <mstav7@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 6:45 PM  
**To:** UDC Para Hills  
**Subject:** FW: VICKERS STICKERS can supply your stickers, lube labels, key tags and fridge magnets

Michael to print for next meeting

**From:** Gary Viccars <gviccars@pipeline.com.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 August 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** secretary@gtclubsa.com.au  
**Subject:** VICKERS STICKERS can supply your stickers, lube labels, key tags and fridge magnets



**If you need stickers – think VICKERS**

**VICKERS STICKERS** specialize in printing stickers for all applications, as listed below. If you need any kind of sticker, fridge magnet or key tag (flat plastic only) please get in touch or keep us on file.

- Promotional stickers
- Bumper stickers
- Windscreen stickers
- Window Tint Stickers
- Lube Labels
- Radiator stickers
- Engine Bay stickers
- Placard stickers
- Flat Plastic Key Tags
- Quality Business Cards
- Towbar / Bull Bar / Nudge Bar stickers
- Car Club Member Stickers
- Fridge Magnets
- Car Door magnets

We are an Australian company printing in Australia for over 30 years and we supply an Australia-wide client base with quality stickers at competitive and realistic prices, supported by a prompt personal service and reliable delivery.

Using both digital inkjet and screen print methods we give YOU the most cost effective process for your requirements. This also enables us to print "small" runs so you do not have to order a huge quantity, but the more you get the better the price.

Would you mind if I mailed you a presentation of our capabilities? Also, you might like to look at [www.vickers-stickers.com](http://www.vickers-stickers.com)

If you object to this email please reply with "delete" in the subject line and your address will be removed.

Best regards,

Gary Viccars  
Director – **VICKERS STICKERS**  
38 Roxby St, Manifold Heights, Geelong, Vic 3218  
Tel. 03 5229 5229 / 0418 347 088

5-Aug-21





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## *Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic*

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September*  
*Wirrina Cove Holiday Park*  
*Paradise Road*  
*Wirrinna Cove*

An old-style club drive and picnic day plus a perfect opportunity to give your vehicle a "shakedown run" prior to the Bay to Birdwood

## *And It's Free*

Hot and Cold Food and Drinks are available on site

50's, 60's 70's Music

All we ask is the Club does a head count of how many vehicles are coming and advise Brian Davey by EOD Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Phone: 0400 826 969  
Email: [cynbri6@bigpond.com](mailto:cynbri6@bigpond.com)

COVID Rules will Apply



# AGM

Tuesday 17 Aug 2021  
Alberton Hotel

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FALCON GT CLUB OF SA AGM TUES 18/8/21

HUGH W- CHAIRED THE MEETING

OPEN 8.54PM

The only nomination received before the cut off time was for Karl as president. With Karl being happy to continue as president that was passed.

As there were no other nominations for any of the positions, and with the current executive happy to continue in their roles the executive committee for the financial year 2021/2022 will be as follows

PRESIDENT Karl Brown

Vice Presidents Robert Gibbons and Tony Jordan

Treasurer Tony Parente (as per transition from Gabby)

Secretary Michael Stavrides

Editor Kari

Events Karen and Brian Mcmillan

Historian John Walters

I T Sean Johnson

There were no topics to be raised and discussed either so meeting was closed at 9pm

**FALCON GT CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.**

PO Box 289 Kent Town SA 5071

www.gtclubsa.com.au

New Membership Application OR Existing Member Renewal Form for 2021/22**PERSONAL DETAILS** (Tick appropriate box) ☐ NEW MEMBER ☐ MEMBER RENEWAL

(Single Member) SURNAME FIRST NAME (S)

(Joint Member) SURNAME FIRST NAME (S)

DATE OF BIRTH OCCUPATION

ADDRESS

SUBURB/TOWN POSTCODE

PHONE AH: WK: MOB:

FAX: EMAIL:

**VEHICLE DETAILS**Genuine GT Owners **MUST** complete **EVERY** section of their application (new member OR renewal)

The Falcon GT Club of SA Inc reserves the right to inspect genuine GT's for authenticity before granting membership.

Tribute, Replica and other vehicle owners only required to provide general vehicle details as indicated by asterisk \*

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL \* MONTH/YEAR BUILT \*

REG NO: \* COLOUR \* PAINT CODE

PREFIX NO: MODEL NO: ENGINE NO:

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY** (Tick appropriate box) **Note:** Only Full Members have voting rights☐ FULL MEMBER (Genuine GT/South African GT owners only)☐ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Any other Ford manufactured vehicle)**JOINING FEE**

\$20

\$

Applies to all **new** members for **first year only** and previous members re-applying after membership lapse.**MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Single

\$65 (OR)

Joint

\$85

\$

Annual payment due by 1<sup>st</sup> July each year or no later than 30 days after Annual General Meeting or membership will lapse.**HISTORIC REGISTRATION** Membership must be maintained during the duration of vehicles conditional registration. Log book will not be renewed if there is any lapse in FGTCSA membership.

FGTCSA member less than one year

\$75

\$

FGTCSA member one year or more (\$20 per vehicle)

\$20 X

\$

All vehicle owners must be current financial members.

Joint owners must also be current financial members.

TOTAL

\$

Direct Deposit to BSB 325185 Account 03227159 Falcon GT Club of SA. Enter your Member Number in description if an existing Member or Surname for New Members. Then mail signed form to address below, or email to [secretary@gtclubsa.com.au](mailto:secretary@gtclubsa.com.au)Please make Cheques/Money Orders (no cash) payable to: **Falcon GT Club of SA Inc**

Post this form with appropriate fees to: The Secretary Falcon GT Club of SA Inc. PO Box 289 Kent Town SA 5071

**INDEMNITY**

I agree to abide by the constitution of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. and release the FGTCSA Inc. from any liability, either personal or property.

Signed Date Membership No

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$

Receipt No:

Membership No:

Ben (21/22) V1





# The



# ERA

Late in 1992, as I was returning home, I passed a Newsagency which had the latest addition of *Wheels* plastered across the front window. The cover featured the return of the Falcon GT, the EB, in Black Pearl, occupying prime position on the cover of the October edition of *Wheels*. I quickly parked my Father's Warm Grey, XF Falcon S Pack station wagon and raced in to secure my copy.

Prior to this, I had already previewed the coming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Falcon GT at that year's Melbourne International Motor Show. I can recall standing in front of Ford's newest Grand Tourer, rotating behind a chrome barrier, wanting to find out more and just hoping, I would be able to own and drive such a beast.....which finally occurred in 2005.

The EB and following EL GT (launched as the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1997), the Tickford era, generated overwhelmingly positive reports from motoring journalists at the time of each GTs release. Not so from some Ford enthusiasts, recalling memories of GT-HOs. Descriptions varied from: exceptional handling not experienced in an Australian performance car before, representative of a true Grand Tourer; to disappointment, with power not representative of past GTs and GT-HOs which, let us not forget, were built for the sole purpose of winning Bathurst. So the question of performance is always raised when discussion occurs on the comparison with past and Tickford era GTs. Howard Marsden steered the development of the EB GT, and made a point of mentioning they were not building a race car, but a *Grand Tourer*, in the truest sense, a 'Gentlemen's Express'.

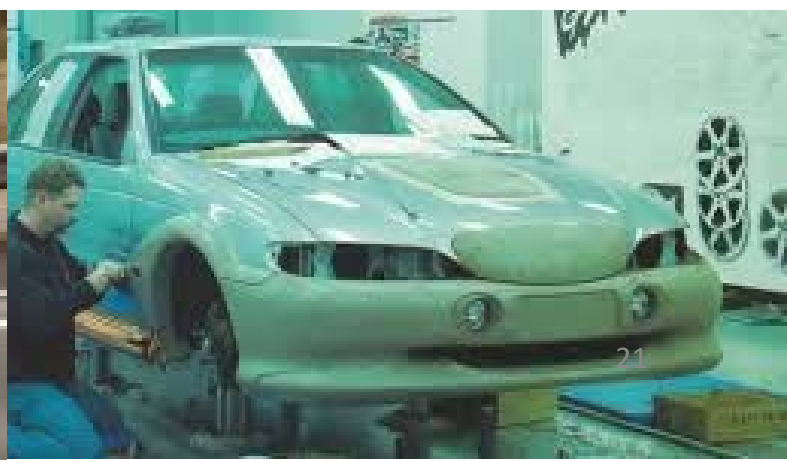


Howard Marsden, the same guy that managed the Phase III racing program, oversaw Moffat's crushing victory at Bathurst in 1971 and headed the Phase IV program, (that is him with a winged sump) envisioned a refined, modern, luxury GT, fit for the 90's performance car enthusiast. Ford's newly reintroduced 5.0L Windsor V8 powering the EB II was the start point.

The EB II Falcon GT featured the 5.0L Windsor sourced from the Mustang Cobra R. Advertised at 200kw (270 bhp), it was the first time since the XB GT a Ford had developed that type of power and, for comparison, the BMW M5 (*the fastest 4 door production car in 1992*) developed (*only*) 250 kw and cost considerably more at \$153,000, over twice as much as the GT at \$62,500 (adjusted to inflation, the EB GT would have cost \$121,189.98 in today's coin). 400m times recorded by *Wheels* had the EB GT (manual) covering the distance in 15.2 sec.....the last recorded time for a (standard) XB GT was 16.5sec (ignoring the GT-HO). The very last 5.8L XE ESP in 1982 was slower again.

As the times suggest, progress from the XB GT was evident; however, as the EB and EL (which was quicker again, 14.9 sec -400m and further refined) failed to eclipse the Phase III, or were too far refined in the modern sense of performance delivery, that left the Tickford GTs open to criticism.

Performance in the 90's and today, cost money. If Howard Marsden chose to build a GT-HO (which he very well could have), the performance gain would have contributed to a very expensive retail.....comparing to the M5's new car price, which was delivering HO levels of acceleration. The critical gain in performance with the Tickford GTs was not so much under the bonnet, but "*from the Wheels Up!*" (if I may quote an old piece of Falcon advertising for the XW....or was it XY??). Handling had become the key Option!!





I for one can state, the handling of an EB GT would eclipse any local product built prior to,.... on any race track. Bold statement I know; however, just ask the drivers of all the chrome bumpered cars from the AMCR in 2019.....*what the back of GT 0223 looks like!*.....as the superior handling of the EB GT allowed my meagre skill as a driver, maintain a good pace against much larger capacity, heavily modified Muscle Cars, much to their surprise. Ford poured a significant amount of the GT development budget onto something that was a suggestion on past GTs,....Handling, and started with the best performance tyres at the time, Pirelli's P Zero Assimetricos. These were 'original equipment' on Ferrari's F-40 and featured on the EB GT; as a result, I did enjoy cruising around Phillip Island Grand Prix Track, with the climate control set (exactly) to 20 C, overtaking traffic on the outside of *Siberia*, in leather and walnut comfort...a true 'Gentlemen's Express'. I even applied the indicator, in order to be a considerate.....Gentleman that is....

EB GT



EL GT



Luxury is what you get when you enter an EB or EL GT. Leather featured in both and strips of walnut (real walnut, that's wood,...from a tree by the way... in the EB) adorned both. MOMO steering wheels (everything had to be MOMO back then) and all the 'bells and whistles' Ford had at the time, makes for a very comfortable driving experience and the best interiors Ford has created,.....in my opinion.

As a proud owner, I can never see myself selling GT 0223. It is still a capable driving machine (*maybe not the Ultimate driving machine.....BM...something...Unicorn*) and delivers satisfaction on any twisty road. Modern hatch backs today may be able to out accelerate it (that would apply for the chrome bumper GTs as well); however, as it is a GT, (because the badge Ford put on the back says it is!) that is all that matters to me.









# ***CLUB EVENT***



**Karen McMillan** ▶ **Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc**

August 5 at 3:32 PM · 🌐

Hi everyone,

Seeing covid ruined our Christmas in July cruise, we will now be doing it on the 29th of August.

Meet at Officeworks Parafield, Main North Road. 10:30 am for a 11:00 departure time.

Restrictions may still apply so it will be on a week by week basis ATM.

For those who have said they are coming if you can't make it please let Bryan know.

Thanks Karen and Bryan Mc



# CLUB EVENT



Hi everyone. The club is attending All Ford Day in Oct. we have a section for 20 cars so if people wish to attend can you let Bryan know on 0417 082 098 so we can reserve you a car space within our allocated area. We have 7 spaces left, so get in quick. The club also will have a sausage sizzle for the members attending.

Thanks Karen and Bryan Mc

Online Registrations are open for All Ford Day SA 2021.

Pre-registrations can be completed via the following link which accepts credit card and PayPal payments:

<https://www.trybooking.com/768554>

\*Pre-registration closes Friday 1st October

All Entrant information can be found on our website here:

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