



# Column Shift

*Newsletter for the FE-FC Holden Car Club of South Australia*

## *Cruise to the Almond Blossom Street Parade at Willunga*

*Sunday 31st July 2011*

*This cruise is something Brian Commons is passionate about and has been organising the event for our club for two years to make it happen.  
Great job Brian as the organising was great.*

*The Willunga Almond Blossom Street Parade is held every year on the last week in July. Many people turn out for this event and having our club lead the vehicles on the day was a great opportunity to show off the cars in our club to the public, who could mingle before the parade and take up the position along the route. Most manual cars only had to roll down the main street and around to the oval as the road was steep. Nine cars on the run today. The weather was great for the cruise and many on lookers turned out to make this a great event.*



***October 2011 - January 2012***



Holden FE (1956-1958) Holden FC (1958-1959)

## CLUB OBJECTIVES

To bring together all owners of FE and FC Holden's who have a genuine interest in the preservation of these Classic models.

## CLUB AIM

To promote the preservation, by restoration, legal modification and repair of 1956-1959 FE and FC model Holden Sedans, Station Sedans (Wagons), Ute's and Panel Vans.

## ACTIVITIES

1. The accumulation and sharing of technical information about original and modified FE and FC Holden's.
2. Organised social functions and events.
3. Biennial interstate "Nationals"
4. Spare parts information.
5. Access to Historic Vehicle Registration.

Welcome to all current and prospective FE-FC Holden owners, their families and friends to all our meetings and social events.

## COMMITTEE

|           |                 |               |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| President | Greg Drinkwater | Ph: 8381 5121 |
| Vice Pres | George Lee      | Ph:           |
| Secretary | Kathleen Textor | Ph: 8381 5121 |
| Treasurer | Robin Camens    | Ph: 8556 1331 |

## NATIONALS DELEGATES

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Kathy Textor | Ph: 8381 5121 |
| Jim Bentley  | Ph:           |

## NEWSLETTER

Paul Roberts Email - [sa.committee@fefcholden.org.au](mailto:sa.committee@fefcholden.org.au)

## WEB-SITE

Paul Roberts Email - [sa.committee@fefcholden.org.au](mailto:sa.committee@fefcholden.org.au)

## HISTORIC VEHICLE REPRESENTATIVES

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Iain Burns    | Ph: 8449 3069 |
| George Lee    |               |
| Craig Russell |               |

## MEETINGS

TOC Hall, Delaine Avenue Edwardstown  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month (except January) at 7:30PM

## POSTAL ADDRESS

FE -FC Holden Car Club of South Australia  
PO Box 444, Goodwood SA 5034

## INTERNET DETAILS

National Website [www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/](http://www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

Hello Members

After what has felt like a really cold winter we are approaching another summer and its time to uncover your precious FE or FC do the right thing by the old girl' Change her oil with an oil designed for her age, check the oil in the gearbox and diff and she could probably do with a brake fluid change if this hasn't been changed in 3 years then it's due. The brake fluid in your car is what's called "HYDROSCOPIC" which means that it absorbs moisture and this moisture will corrode the internals and cause brake failure. Not an ideal thing at any time.

I want to encourage all members to come along to as many social events as they can all the details are in this magazine so please support your club.

During the winter the club meetings have had a bit of a refreshing twist with a BBQ nite and muffins ( thanks Tracy & Craig ) on another nite I would like to see this continue. Fundraising is going well thanks to Robin and his scheme that has always worked in the club's favour, the raffle tickets were popular at the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival and I hope all those with tickets will bring the proceeds to future meetings.

The weekend at Gladstone Jail is close and am looking forward to a fun time with all those going. The nationals is not far away and the plans are coming together most have paid their accommodation in advance others have chosen to pay as they go or if your name is GEORGE you will not have made up your mind. Any members thinking of coming you will need to extract the digit.

See you at a meeting soon

Greg





Hello Everyone

Well from the feedback that came in Lisa has been doing a wonderful job on the reporting for our newsletter. This edition Lisa has done some great research which contributed to another brilliant article.

Things have been busy with organising and planning for the Nationals next year and getting a car able to drive such a great distance over a short space of time. For those who are going this is an enormous effort as the last Nationals we travelled about 3,300 kms over 10 days and this time we are planning about 6,000km over 12 days.

For those still making up their minds get on board as you will enjoy the WA scenery.

Club members numbers rise and fall between the Nationals as it drives a lot of interest from owners who want to show off what they have hidden away in the back shed.

Memberships are past due and anyone who joins now will lose their membership number and be added as a new member as some members forget that important part.

By now anyone who has historic registration and who has not rejoined Transport SA has been notified and your registration will be cancelled.

The web site has had some minor changes and is up to date so visit it and see what so many other car clubs wish they had. For anyone wishing to change the pictures of their cars let me know and we will work towards achieving that for you.

Remember promote the club when ever you can.

Thanks  
Paul Roberts  
Web site Co-ordinator & Newsletter Editor



## Planned Column Shift Issue Releases

It is planned to have the newsletter available on the Club Web Site and posted to the members by the release dates below.

Sometimes newsletters are skipped if there is nothing to report.

June/September 2011

October 2011—January 2012

## FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meeting June 2011

At the recent meetings of the F.H.M.C. of S.A. the following points were discussed. For those new members who are unaware, our club and 130 or so others are affiliated with the Federation. It represents 15,000 members and 11,000 vehicles. The Federation acts on behalf on many issues including Historic Registration (HVRs), Bay to Birdwood Classic, special club runs, and insurance. Please note that my report is my own interpretation of the information given by either attendance at meetings or minutes of meetings. I don't expect all the issues I have outlined to be always relevant to us, but it gives some feedback on what the F.H.M.C. of S.A. represents.

-The following matters were brought up at the meetings:

- The DTEI sent out a questionnaire to 13 clubs with questions on the proposed results of the survey. One problem was that a proposed requirement of clubs to check all HVRs vehicles each year would be a massive impact on clubs like the Sporting Car Club with 1000 vehicles. The result being that each person on HVRs would sign a Statutory Declaration before a Justice of the Peace that each vehicle has not been changed from the specification approved by the club. This will be an interesting change.
- The 30 year cut off for HVRs will eventually be 40 years in most probability.
- There continues to be talk and discussion on the number plate rip off scheme and how to make it fairer.

## HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

Only 4 members on Historic Rego have not paid their fees by the generous due date.

The DTEI has been informed and they will cancel their registration and complete the proper "paperwork". The same process will happen next year. We will make *one* contact with you (if we can) and fees will need to be made by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Members are responsible to keep in touch and to read reminders in the newsletters.

Iain, George, and Craig



## Middleton Tavern and Goolwa Motor Museum Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

June's club cruise to the Middleton Tavern turned out to be a smorgasbord for food- and car-junkies alike, with members enjoying a promptly-served (and filling) pub-style lunch before perusing car curiosities at the Goolwa Motor Museum.

There was a break with tradition this time around: the departure date was pencilled-in for a Saturday, forcing members to check their oil a day early and re-set their cruising clocks from the traditional Sunday time-slot. A majority of members converged on the side of Blacks Road, which proved to be a little disconcerting for the small few who rendezvoused at the Entertainment Centre; a confused Iain and Lisa reached an empty car-park at the set departure time of 11.30am, but were shortly joined by George and Sandy before jetting off to meet with the rest of the gang.

After a brief chat, our cavalcade of ten departed at noon in search of the Tavern with its mural of the smiling, winter beasts. Denis, Bill, Paul and Caroline (& Co.) brought their everyday vehicles as a pre-emptive measure for the ominous weather forecast; they were kept company by the brave owners of two FE's and four FC's. Distant rain clouds did threaten to soak our spirits, but as we drew closer to our destination the sun emerged and smiled upon us (almost as enthusiastically as the unshaven, beanie-wearing, ute-driving, tartan-flannelette-clad onlooker who gave our troupe a fervent thumbs-up).

The sprawling country sides and long, winding roads took its toll on Iain and Lisa; they missed the turn off to Middleton and had to backtrack through Port Elliot to reunite with members at the long-awaited Middleton Tavern. The Tavern's kitchen would have heaved a nervous sigh at the sight of our 21 members, with the staple diet of the day for many being fish and chips. Some respite was found in the small few who opted for other pub classics.

After a visit to the powder room and way too many trips to the buffet, we were off again to the Goolwa Motor Museum, owned by collector and former race competitor Michael Finnis. Michael (and his dog Daisy) graciously showed us around his collection, which began after he retired from running his South Road classic car dealership, Collectible Classics. Featuring everything from Jaguars to Goggomobils to a Lightburn Zeta, there was something for everyone pour over.

*It turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable day and thank you to everyone who came along for the journey!*

Lisa Burns



"Did they say 'Saturday', or 'Sunday'?" ... Iain and Lisa wait at Hindmarsh

On our way to Middleton...





# June Club Event Report



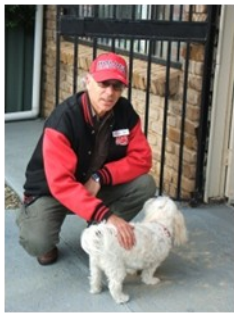
Ian, Bill, Lois, Carol and Denis at the Middleton Tavern

Members converge in the car park,  
ready for the next leg of the journey



To the Goolwa Motor Museum we go!

Outside the Motor Museum, Robin gets ideas  
for his next collection...



Iain reciprocates Daisy's warm welcome

Iain and George hypothesise...



...George and Iain contemplate...

... George and Iain... wait, I'm  
beginning to notice a pattern...



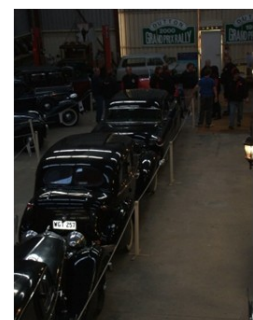
Inside the Goolwa Motor Museum

Vida and Stephen admire the memorabilia



"Now what does this remind me of?...": Robin experi-  
ences shed déjà vu

Game-over: Kathy, Hamish and Robin spot  
the camera-toting assassin



## PENELOPE'S PITSTOP



Welcome to the second instalment of Penelope's Pitstop, your one-stop leisure spot for puzzles, recipes and all things FE-FC!

I've received a great response from members regarding Penelope's Pitstop; thank you to all those who came up to me and gave their feedback... particularly the one member who went to the trouble of calling me on the phone (!). Thank you again and I hope you continue to enjoy these pages.

Feel free to send in your favourite recipes, jokes, photos and newspaper clippings by logging onto our club website and following the link to email our Editor Paul – our committee members are continuously reiterating the fact that the intention behind the newsletter is that it is made for the members by the members, and I couldn't agree more... who ever liked a dictatorship anyway? We would love to hear your feedback and accept your contributions, no matter how big or small!

It has become quite apparent that I do love a theme, and for this edition of the Pitstop it surrounds one of our most recent events, the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival. Here we have not one, but TWO recipes featuring our core celebrity ingredient, the almond\*. Increase your smarts (and impress Brian!) with the *Willunga Word-Cross!* and take a tour of the Willunga Festivals website at [www.willungafestivals.com](http://www.willungafestivals.com), or simply turn to page 14 of this newsletter for all of the answers. For some respite, have a look at the article that featured in the Port Adelaide Football Club's winter edition of their community newsletter, sent in by Iain Burns... you may just recognise the person in the picture!

Happy Motoring

Lisa Burns

\*In the unforeseen event of an almond famine, the editor of this publication would like to express his sincerest apologies to those who have been offended by the inclusion of not one, but two, recipes. This measure was by no means intended to cause offence at the time of print, but instead to celebrate and highlight the cultural, historical, agricultural and social importance of the almond (*prunus dulcis*) in the Willunga Basin area.

## Almond Shortbread Cookies

Cooking time: 40 mins

Servings: 40

### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup ground toasted almonds

1 cup butter (no substitute)

3/4 cup semisweet chocolate pieces

1-1/2 teaspoons shortening

About 40 blanching whole almonds



### Method

In a bowl combine flour, sugar, and ground almonds. Cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs and starts to cling. Shape into a ball and knead until smooth. Divide the dough in half.

On an ungreased cookie sheet pat or roll half of the dough into a 9x5-inch rectangle. Repeat with other half of dough.

Bake in a 325 degree F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until bottom of the dough just starts to turn brown. Cool about 5 minutes. While the shortbread is still warm, cut each rectangle into 3x1 inch sticks; cool on a wire rack.

In a small heavy saucepan melt chocolate and shortening together over low heat, stirring occasionally. Dip half of each cookie into chocolate mixture. Place an almond on the centre of each glazed half. Place cookies on waxed paper and let stand until chocolate is set. (Or, refrigerate cookies about 5 minutes or until chocolate is set.)

## Peach and Almond Scones

Servings: 12

### Ingredients

2 1/4 cups self raising flour, sifted

1 1/2 tablespoon caster sugar

25g cold reduced salt butter, chopped

3/4 cup skim milk

100g drained, chopped canned peaches in natural juice

50g raw blanching almonds, roughly chopped

1 tablespoon skim milk, extra, for brushing



### Method

Preheat oven to 220C. Place the flour and sugar in a large bowl. Using your fingertips, mix in the butter lightly, until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the milk, peach and almonds, mixing with a spatula until just combined.

Transfer the mixture to a lightly floured surface and press together into a round shape approximately 3cm high. Using a 5cm diameter biscuit cutter, cut out rounds from the dough and place on a baking tray sprinkled with a little extra flour. Gather up the remaining dough, press together lightly into a round and repeat the process.

Brush the tops of each scone with milk. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown on top and hollow sounding when tapped. Serve warm or at room temperature.



## Willunga Almond Blossom Festival Photos

(Photos by Iain Burns and captions by Lisa Burns)



George and Julyann practice their Synchronised Socialising routine before the cruise



"Don't scratch the car!": drivers converge for the cruise



Driving down the Willunga Main Street



Members congregate on the Oval, ready for judging



After minutes of contemplation, Paul finally realised that scratching his head alone would not put the tent up...

Voila! A tent with all the mod cons - including air conditioning and a rear spoiler!



# Penelope's Pitstop by Lisa Burns



The showground... just like the fairs of yesteryear!



The public pass their judgement on our cars...



Canines (and owners) prove their agility on the obstacle course

Miniature Ponies: they're not only every kid's dream, but they're also...



Every parent's nightmare!







### Do recognise anyone in this picture?

No not David Rodan or Kane Cornes, but our own Jodie Field who is a friend of Stuart Messenger and attends many of our club events.

Recently Jodie received a brand new custom made wheel chair, made possible from a generous donation from Vodafone, who employs Jodie's sister Lisa.

Jodie has Muscular Dystrophy and has endured many operations.

Jodie is a Port fan of course (any of Stuart's friends would have to be...) so the wheelchair was presented at a Vodafone Corporate Training day at Alberton.

All of Jodie's best mates came in for the photo shoot!!!

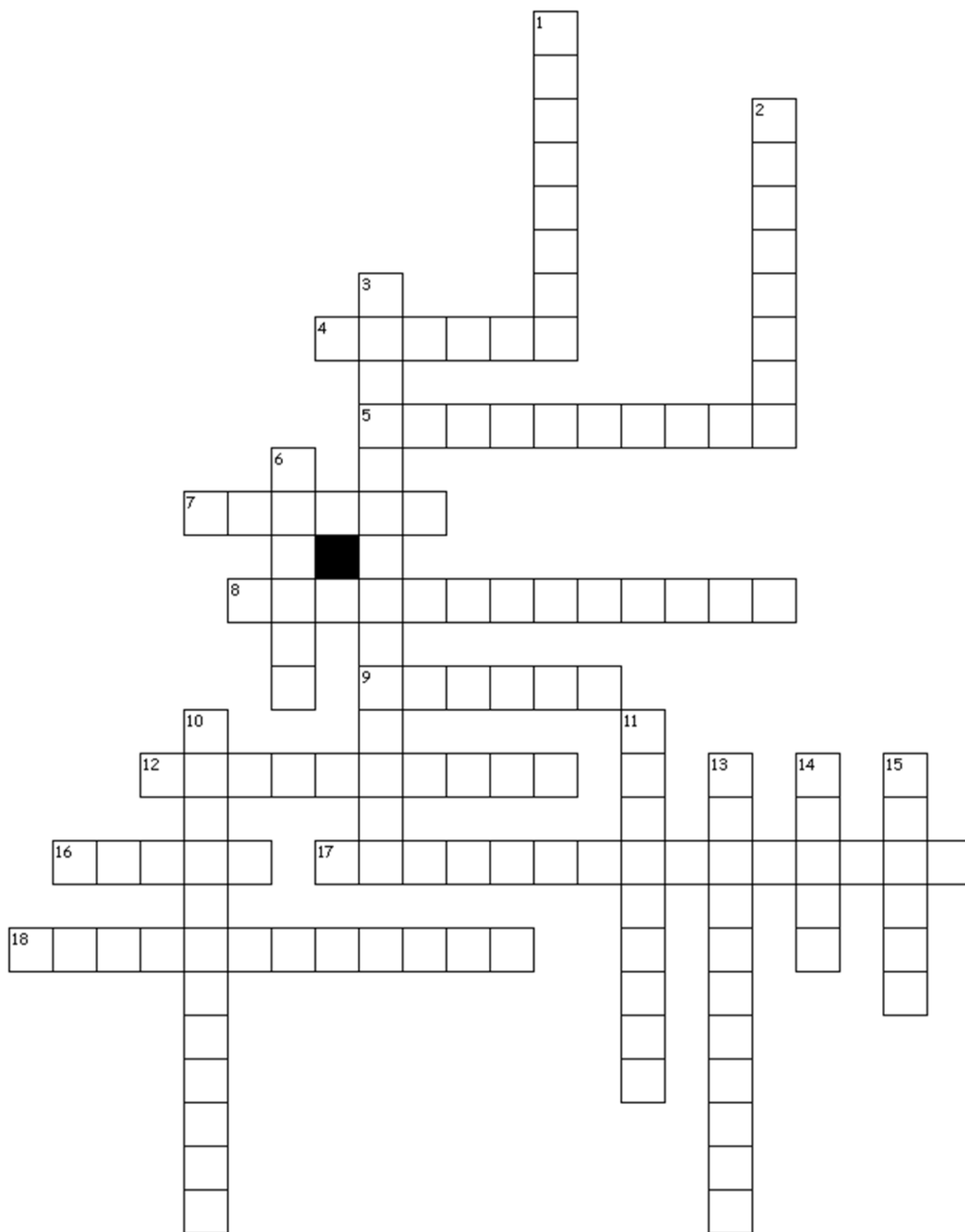
Iain Burns



P.S If you would like to share any recipes, jokes, interesting newspaper clippings or any other FE-FC curiosities, you can get onto our club website at [www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/](http://www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/) and follow the link to email our Editor Paul.



# The Willunga Word-Cross!



# Penelope's Pitstop by Lisa Burns

## Across

4. And 2. Down) Two beaches that are close by...
5. The name Willunga is thought to come from the Aboriginal word 'Willangga', meaning 'the place of...'-what?
7. Which market is held on the second week of each month and famous for its wide variety of quality crafts, plants, food and second hand items?
8. This tool was originally designed, patented and built by local almond grower G.M. Herriott in the late '40s and was used universally throughout Australia.
9. Almond Blossoms signal the close arrival of which season?
12. This industry takes up the largest amount of land in the District.
16. The mining of which natural resource was one of the original industries in the Willunga District?
17. A local motoring event which in recent times has been in the media spot light...
18. What other Festival is Willunga famous for?

## Down

1. It takes only 45 minutes to get from Adelaide to Willunga if you take this Expressway...
2. (See 4. Across)
3. You'll have to travel over water to get to this close-by tourist destination...
6. The Willunga Basin is considered to be one of the best regions in the Southern Hemisphere for growing which grain?
10. The township of Willunga began as a staging point on the then long, arduous journey between Adelaide and which other destination?
11. Built in the Second World War for service as a basic pilot trainer, which famous biplane can you now see flying all over the Willunga Basin?
13. A famous local wine region
14. The largest flower garden in South Australia can be found in Willunga. What kind of flower does it specialise in?
15. A Forest which was established in 1898 and the first of a number of forest plantations in the Mount Lofty Ranges to ensure a sustainable timber resource for South Australia...

Answers Page 14

## Crossword Answers

Answers to crossword:

### Across

- 4. Maslin
- 5. Green Trees
- 7. Quarry
- 8. Almond Cracker
- 9. Spring
- 12. Winemaking
- 16. Slate
- 17. Adelaide Classic
- 18. Fleurieu Folk.

### Down

- 1. Southern
- 2. Sellicks
- 3. Kangaroo Island
- 6. Barley
- 10. Victor Harbor
- 11. Tiger Moth
- 13. McLaren Vale
- 14. Roses
- 15. Kuitpo.

## Joke supplied by Kate

Found on the refrigerator one morning:

*My Dear Wife,*

*You will surely understand that I have certain needs that you, being 54 years old, can no longer satisfy. I am happy with you and I value you as a good wife. Therefore, after reading this letter, I hope that you will not interpret the fact that I will be spending the evening with my secretary at the Comfort Inn Hotel. Please don't be upset — I shall be home before midnight.*

When the man came home late that night, he found the following letter on the dining room table:

*My Dear Husband,*

*I received your letter and thank you for your honesty about me being 54 years old. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that you are also 54 years old. As you know. I am a math teacher at our local college. I would like to inform you that while you read this, I will be at the Hotel Fiesta with Michael, one of my students, who is also a tennis coach. He is virile, and like your secretary, is also 18 years old. As a successful businessman who has an excellent knowledge of math, you will understand that we are in the same situation, although with one small difference—18 goes into 54 a lot more time than 54 goes into 18.*

*Therefore, I will not be home until sometime tomorrow*



### Brian & Lyn Commons FC Special Sedan



As this car was after purchasing.

I had a phone call from Kathy the secretary of our FE- FC Holden Car club. *"Hi Brian want to buy a FC"*

*"No thanks we have one in the family and don't want another one"* I said.

*"But this is a good one and exactly the same colour as your Wagon"*

*"What Monkey Bum Pink"* in those days about 8 years ago, Monkey Bum Pink were rare. Now they are as common as ...

So that is how I was able to buy our FC.

A lady contacted our club wanting to get rid of her FC, so Kathy put a word in for me. When I inspected this car there was a serious argument between the boyfriend and Girlfriend over selling this car. I had to separate them to find out who owned the car and as the boyfriend had lots to say and as he did not own the car I suggested he move on. I was able to buy this car which had been scratched down to the bare metal in several places, to find out how thick the paint was and had been partly de chromed.

Not long after owning this car I started to take it down to bare metal. After 6 or 7 coats of paint and 16 litres of paint remover, I found bare metal, rust and fibreglass covering more rust.

As a panel beater I made up new lower door skin panels and hand made the headlamp rusty areas etc. As I was employed at Morphet Vale Crash I was able to use the paint shop to respray this car. At Morphet Vale Crash they have two spray booths so the body shell was in one booth and all the loose swinging panels were in the other. It has been sprayed with Protec Baked Enamel. The seats and door trims were re trimmed in Broken Hill by Bill Graham Trimmers. Mechanically this car is all original and has been on a couple of Bay to Birdwood's and several car runs with our club and is still going strong.

By Brian Commons

## ***September 2011***

***\*\* Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc **MGM** \*\****

*11th September—Gawler Swap Meet*

*Sunday 25th September—Bay to Birdwood- Classic Event*

## ***October 2011***

***Sat 1st –Mon 3rd October—Long Weekend Cruise to Gladstone Gaol***

*Forms on the web site*

***\*\* Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc **MGM** \*\****

## ***November 2011***

***\*\* Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc **MGM** \*\****

***Sunday 20th November—Club Run from Glenelg to Harry Bowey Reserve for BBQ Lunch.***

## ***December 2011***

***\*\* Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc **MGM** \*\****

***Sunday 11th December—Club Christmas Lunch.***

