

PITTWATER MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF MEETING 777 held Tuesday 1st September 2026 at Pittwater RSL Club

MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm. President David Cawthorn presiding.

APOLOGIES: Ian & Cathy Bott, Nigel Taylor, Henry Grey, Kerry Henderson, Andrew Willoughby, Diana Cupitt, Dave Coupland, Neil Freeman, Linda Upton, Helga Pike, Gayle Rowe.

WELFARE/SICK LIST: Pleasing to hear that Kerry Henderson is doing well after his recent hospital admission.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

There were no new members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of meeting number 776 were presented.

MOVED THAT MINUTES BE ACCEPTED By: Bill Bush

SECONDED THAT MINUTES BE ACCEPTED BY: John Irvine

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

MAIL: No mail was received.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Graeme Smith presented his report covering the month of August 2026. With an opening balance of \$46,107.56 we received an income of \$3,362.50 with expenses of \$8,046.58 resulting in a closing balance of \$41,323.90.

Graeme gave a summary of Income and Expenses for the month of August.

Also mentioned was the lost petrol cap from Betty Jessop's Volvo 164, lost at or near North Avalon Metro service station. Asking if any members know where she could obtain an original replacement.

If members are experiencing problems with the PMEA website, it is temporary. It is due to a current website upgrade.

MEMBERSHIP: There are currently 531 members. Sean asked members to remind anyone they know who is yet to renew membership, to do so now. Your classic vehicle cannot be registered if membership is unfinancial.

REGALIA: The Regalia sale held at our last BBQ was very successful. The new umbrellas were very popular and nearly sold out. Those remaining were available at this meeting. Regalia order forms available at meetings.

EVENTS: *Please RSVP* (All information and further details are on our website)

David discussed the following:

- About 90 attended the BBQ breakfast on 23rd August which was fabulous. David thanked all those who helped on the day.

- Tomorrow 2nd September there will be a longer run to Old Road Café Mt White - 10am departure from Mona Vale beach car park.
- This Saturday 5th September, join the group for a drive to West Head, followed by an early dinner at the Terrey Hills Tavern. Meet at Rowland Reserve (Bayview) car park at 3.00pm for a 3.15pm sharp departure. **Booking is essential for dinner** as only a limited number of places have been booked. **RSVP asap**.

NOTE: There is no PMEA event planned for Sunday 6th September (Fathers' Day).

- Sunday 13th September is the All-British Day at Hawkesbury Showground. PMEA entrants may wish to meet up beforehand and travel together.

Our All-British Day delegate David Pryce-Jones announced he is stepping down from this role and is calling for another member to take over to help coordinate. David will provide all necessary information. Please contact David after meetings to discuss further.

- On Sunday 20th September we will have a 'Triple MMM' picnic breakfast at Roseville Park, featuring Minis, Mustangs and MGs. BYO everything.
- On Sunday 4th October there will be a breakfast run to Saddles, at Mt White. Food for a picnic breakfast can be purchased from The Barn. Please RSVP.
- On Sunday 1st November there's a group booking for PMEA to visit the Sydney Bus Museum.

NOTE: Doningtons currently has a Classic Car auction running which includes three of the late Henry Kalazich's cars. See Doningtons' website. Please contact David if interested in joining him to view the vehicles currently up for auction at Annangrove.

CANBERRA and SURROUNDS TRIP: 16th November – 19th November. Gavin has sent out the details and reminded members to book the reserved accommodation early for this trip to receive the discounted rates. Many have already booked. Contact Gavin for more information at this stage but full details of the trip will soon be in our Events calendar.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

David discussed the following:

- Doningtons currently have a covered car trailer for auction.
- David was able to source new white wall tyres for his Sunbeam from an Australian company called White Walls Australia. Service and delivery excellent.
- Starting on 2nd September at 8.30, SBS2 is screening a 5-part series "Precious Metal – a Love Story".
- David read an email from a member about privacy issues. Care should be taken when sending a group email – use 'bcc' to hide other email addresses.

GENERAL BUSINESS from the Floor:

- David Rundle particularly thanked Ron Howell for his super BBQ cooking efforts at our last BBQ.
- The 'book table' at this meeting has a few books to take or borrow.
- Brochures on the British Car Museum available for those interested.
- On the big screen, Volker showed a collection of photos he recently took at two car shows in Germany. Some very rare and unique cars were seen along with some tractors, bikes and trucks.

GROUP DISCUSSION: Fuels – what to use for our classics.

David Cawthorn started the discussion by reading an article by Tim Howarth from Wheels magazine about fuels currently available and the additives in them (known and unknown). Through discussion amongst those present, it was evident that some fuels are not suitable for our classics.

VIDEO: Thanks to John Kaye for his video: Part 1, Northern Beaches Car Show 2026.

RAFFLE DRAW:

MEMBERS WERE INVITED FOR SUPPER AND DRINKS AFTER THE MEETING

MEETING CLOSED: 8.41pm

ATTENDANCE: 54

**Next Meeting 7.30pm TUESDAY 15th September 2026
at Pittwater RSL**