

## VANILLA CREAM CAFÉ

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Carpaccino (Cars and Coffee).**

Weatherwise, a beautiful day for a drive and the opportunity to sample some fine food and company!

Amaroo Park is located in Annangrove in Sydney's North West.

Opened in 1967 as a motor racing circuit, it was host to some of our most famous car events, also some of motor racing's most iconic drivers.



Since its closure in 1998, it has become a food hub, with a number of fine eatery's on site. One of these is Vanilla Cream, one of our favourite venues for an enjoyable meal. Thinking we had arrived early, we were surprised to find members already seated and enjoying themselves.



President Dennis was just finishing his lunch, and others had food on the way. Chris Mosse-Robinson was in conversation with Dennis, and seated beside him was Gary Winterbottom. Dick Israel had come along with Dennis as well as Mark Hertz, and they were also seated at the table. A few minutes later Albert

and Jenny Ricci arrived with Nick and Rena.... I still remember the magnificent desserts Rena made for the Christmas party at Mark's house, Chef extraordinaire!



Chris and Gary.



Colin and VW shirt and Dennis.

Time to go inside and place an order for lunch. Kerry, our hostess suggested the beef pie with potato and mushy peas and also the Eggs Benedict. How could I refuse to take her suggestion...and how good was that pie, definitely keep that one on my list!



Rena and co. discussing recipes?



Russell, brother Ken and Janina.

Mike supervising?



Karen, Ken and Bob.



Some of the crew.

A conversation with Gary led to us finding out we lived only a few streets away from each other when we were younger...a small world. Russell Linfoot informed me he had sold the little Austin 7, something I was not aware of. I really liked that car, and I am sure from what Russell said, he misses it too.

Jenny Fleming was talking golf (not cars?) with Janina Linfoot, and they seemed engrossed in that conversation. Meanwhile Colin Bard and Ken and Karen Codling had arrived and were checking out the menu.

Some of the Donnington cars.



Apparently someone had gone for a walk and found a shed full of cars around the back of the premises. This turned out to be an auction house that former Shannons' employees had set up and called Donnington!

Lunch finished, we all took the short walk to see what cars were on display.... several Rolls Royces, a very strange looking Cadillac wagon, and what I thought was the best on display, a very tidy white BMW 323i....all easily held everybody's attention.



This turned out to be a very enjoyable day with the extra bonus of finding these cars.

Once again many thanks to Mark. I look forward to the next outing.

Staff Reporter: **Mike.**

