

Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM

$\underline{\text{NOTE}}{:} \ \ \, \text{The next General Meeting will be held} \, \underline{\text{Friday, } 19^{\text{th}} \text{ July } 2024} \, \text{- at} \\ \text{Ballarat North Community Centre, } 702 \, \text{Walker Street, Ballarat North} \\$

Life Members

Alan Firns, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec), Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto and Gordon Roberts

Newsletter

Articles for the **August 2024** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 30th July 2024**All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to **npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com** *All contributions acknowledged.*

Code Red Fire Rating Days

Any Club event which falls on a day designated as Code Red is automatically cancelled, and Members and Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Enclosed with this month's newsletter is the Renewal for Membership form for your attention. Also of interest, Brett Holloway gives us another update on the Clubrooms redevelopment. Trust you are all dodging winter's ills. *Nerene Backhouse*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - 21st June 2024

We have pleasure in welcoming the following as members of the Club:

Jason and Heather Wallis from Cardigan who were nominated by Glen Whitbourne and seconded by Brett Holloway. They have - 1969 Holden Kingswood Sedan, 1999 Holden Commodore Ute and 1969 Holden Kingswood Sedan. We trust they will enjoy their time with us.

HEALTH MATTERS

Tony Taranto has been in the wars – he had a fall, broke his arm and spent some time in hospital. We wish him a very speedy recovery. We are pleased to know that **Heather Darwin**'s hip replacement all went well and she is now home recovering – we wish her continued success. For those of you who are continuing with ongoing health issues – we send you our hearty best wishes for brighter days ahead – keep smiling!!

AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE - 25th June. 2024

The new venue for our Monthly Club Meetings, the Ballarat North Community Centre, was very well attended by Members, and has proven to be the ideal site, with minor hiccups, until our new Club Rooms are completed and we can move back. The art exhibition which adorned the walls was all the work of local U3A members. They are a very talented bunch - next month the display will showcase the work of Barbara Preston, who started the painting class 18 years ago. There will be 40 works for sale with varying prices.

1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Friday 16th August**. Nominations are for Committee, Team Leaders and Assistants positions for 2024 – 2025 and the closing date for nominations will be at the close of the Committee Meeting on **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**.

Please give some thought to standing for a position or for nominating somebody to fill a role, as the Club cannot function without some willing leaders.

Positions to be filled -

President Editor Secretary Webmaster

Assistant Secretary Membership Officer Treasurer Social/Catering

Assistant Treasurer Federation Reps 1 and 2
Club Captain AOMC Reps 1 and 2
Publicity Officer Permit Officer

Property Officer

Committee Positions (3)

2 New Member Application

<u>William DenOuden and Kay Van Eggmond</u> from Cambrian Hill who were nominated by Andy Burns and seconded by Warren Harris. They have several vehicles - a 1940 Ford Mercury Sedan, a 1974 Rolls Royce Sedan and a 1927 Chev Capitol Sedan

Providing there are no objections received by the President prior to the July General Meeting and the applicants are present at the meeting, they will be welcomed into the Club.

Bendigo Swap Volunteers – 16th – 17th November 2024

The Bendigo Swap organisers are looking for volunteers to help during the weekend of the Swap. Volunteers are required for 2-hour shifts for duties such as manning the gates or supervision of displays and sheds. Each volunteer receives a weekend pass for the swap, a \$10 refreshment payment and a volunteer badge. In addition - \$20 is paid to our Club for each completed shift. A list will be available at the July Club Meeting.

4 Battery Drive

Paul Dehnert who is the Deputy Group Officer of the Ballan Group of Fire Brigades, and Member of the VCCC, has requested our help.

The Ballan Group of Fire Brigades are embarking on a battery drive, and are seeking our support in their fundraising endeavours. If you have any old car, truck or machinery batteries lying around, that are no longer required, the Brigade would be pleased to take them off your hands.

At the July Club Meeting, we can organise a central drop off point and day for collection by the Ballan Fire Brigade.

5 Club Person of the Year and Life Membership Applications

Club Person of the Year is a very special award given to a member who has gone the extra mile to help. Reward them by nominating them for this award. Forms are located on top of the votes tin, and the front table at Club Meeting nights. Last chance to vote will be at the July Club Meeting.

If you wish to nominate a Member for Life Membership please contact the Secretary for an application form. These are available on meeting nights.

6 Loose Change for Peter Mac

At monthly Club Meetings, a donation tin is on the front table for you to drop in your loose change. Federation is a proud sponsor of Peter Mac, and this is one way we can support the important research they do towards eliminating Cancer.

Nancy Jackson

Secretary

Cover Story – 1988 Mercedes Benz 300 CE Coupe About the Car:

1988 Mercedes Benz 300CE Coupe, C124 Platform (a variant of the W124).

3.0 Litre In-Line 6 Cylinder M103 petrol engine, SOHC 12Valves, Fuel injected, naturally aspirated.

Power 180 PS, Top speed 220kph, 4 speed Automatic, ABS Brakes. Finished in two tone paint, Gunmetal over Silver Grey, with Grey Leather interior.

Travelled 216,000 km.

This Coupe is Lorinser equipped with lowered Bilstein Suspension, polished alloy wheels and body trim variations. Lorinser is a German based vehicle tuner company.



The "Drug Dealer Special"

Previously owned by Dick (Dec.) and Mary Curnow, of Mt Clear, long-time members of VCCC Ballarat, as well as Mercedes Benz Club Victoria members. This car is believed to have been purchased by Dick and Mary in September 2012 - then Victorian Registration Number ZDQ-558. Dick was a fan of Mercedes Benz having owned at least one other Benz, a 1958 190 Ponton. Dick and Mary enjoyed taking this Coupe on many trips and club outings.

The car was kept in the garage since Dick's death in 2016, being driven only occasionally by Mary. It was subsequently purchased from Mary in July 2023, by Joy and Alan Rogers of Navigators. Now Victorian Club Permit Number 22133H, retained from Dick and Mary's club permit number. Following the purchase, the car has had various mechanical repairs completed, and many components replaced, as well as some body repairs and repainting. Mary still really enjoys an outing in the Mercedes, joining us on some of the Car Club outings and functions.

Technical Details: Sources, Wikipedia and others.

The Mercedes Benz 124 platform was designed by Bruno Sacco, and manufactured by Daimler Benz in their four manufacturing plants in Germany. The 124 series was an extremely well-engineered car, incorporating many advanced features and technology, and earned a reputation for high build quality, luxury, performance, efficiency, excellent reliability and high mileage longevity.

The Mercedes Benz 124 platform was built from 1984 to 1997, in Sedan (W124), Estate/Station Wagon(S124), Limousine(V124), Coupe (C124) and Cabriolet (A124) variants, as well as rolling chassis, in standard (F124) and long wheel base (VF124). The W124 series followed the 123 series from 1984, and was succeeded by the W210 and C208 series in 1997.

Mercedes Benz offered many Engine options in the 124 platform, ranging from 2.0, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.5 litre In Line 4 Cylinder, 2.6, 2.8, 3.0, and 3.2 litre In Line 6 Cylinder, in Petrol and Diesel, as well as the 4.2, 5.0 and 6.0 litre V8 in Petrol. Some later engines were also offered with 'Compressor' Turbo charging.

The Coupe C124 made up about 4% of the total production of 124 platform production, with about 43,600 300 CE Coupes manufactured from 1987 to 1993. The purchase price of a 300CE Coupe was in the range of \$85K to \$105K in Australia, depending on options, when new in 1988. *Joy and Alan Rogers*

VALE - Neil Joiner

Many of you will not know of Neil, he was the driving force behind the Trafalgar Holden Museum and sadly lost his long battle with cancer late last month. Neil, a keen collector of all things Holden, purchased the Trafalgar Dairy Processing Plant about 14 years ago and was using it to house his collection. He came to Ballarat and asked what I thought of him opening it as a museum. The Museum opened 10 years ago and is currently undergoing a large expansion as it now houses most of the Holden Heritage vehicles, boosted recently by the closing of the Echuca Holden Museum. Neil will be missed.

Norm Darwin

COMING EVENTS – July - August 2024

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 15

Saturday 13th July - Ladies Craft afternoon 1:30-4pm

We will be meeting again at Lilly's at Eureka Café in the Eureka Centre Ballarat East

Once again, please bring something of your own to work on.

Contact Jenny Ure - 0409 954 077

Thursday 18th July - Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Wallace Hotel (Xmas in July Lunch) – 12 noon Make your own way there, bookings <u>essential</u> by Monday 15th July – **Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770**

Friday 19th July - Club General Meeting - 7:30pm - at Ballarat North Community Centre - 702 Walker

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Street Ballarat North

Sunday 21st July – Club President's Bridges Run – (Trophy Points)
President Andy Burns promises an interesting day discovering the
Historic Bridges that surround Ballarat and district. Departing from
Delacombe Town Centre at 9.30am – need to bring picnic lunch etc.

Tuesday 23rd July – Committee Meeting – 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree

Also, the closure of nominations for the next club year.

Sunday 4th August - Naked Radiator Run – 10.30am departure from Humffray Street South Clubrooms We will still be leaving from the usual place. We will be just having a short run this time of 41km to see the Aviation Museum at the Ballarat Airport. There is a \$5 entry fee (down from the usual \$10) for guided tours. An under-cover area has been made available for us to have our picnic lunch.

Contact Frank and Jan Tamis 0475 192 372

Saturday 10th August - Ladies Craft afternoon 1:30-4pm
We will be meeting again at Lilly's at Eureka Café in the Eureka Centre Ballarat East
Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Thursday 15th August - Rustless Wanderers Lunch - TBA

Make your own way there, bookings by Monday 12th August – Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770

Friday 16th August – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm - followed by the Annual General Meeting
To be held at the Ballarat North Community Centre – 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North. Supper will be provided.

Sunday 18th August - Restoration Roundabout (Trophy Points) - more details in next month's newsletter. Contact Mike Simpson - 0419 935 147

Looking Ahead

Sunday 20th October 2024 Monthly Clun Run - Picnic At Mt Franklin (Trophy Points)

The Picnic at Mt Franklin is on again after a (long) pause due to covid. This is an interclub event with any other car clubs welcome to join us. Bring yourselves a picnic lunch and seats. Leaving from Ballarat Showgrounds in Creswick Road at 9.45am for a leisurely 70km drive through the countryside to arrive at the Mount about 11.15. After lunch feel free to continue your journey by visiting nearby Daylesford & Hepburn.

For further information contact Mike Simpson, 0419935147.

VCCC Clubrooms Redevelopment – Update #5

My apologies for missing a report in last month's newsletter (and also for the previous report #4 being an insert in May as I missed the cut-off (just)!). I have changed employment so there was a bit of a scramble for transition. This has, however, allowed for the reports to catchup with the process of where things are at, as it is levelling out.

After the farewell held at the Clubrooms on Sunday 28th April, we were able to have the Building Subcommittee meeting, the May General Meeting, and the May Committee meeting on site before the practical side kicked in.

We are now fortunate to have access to two spaces for our temporary relocations:

For our General Meetings, we have access to the Ballarat North Community Centre, where the June General Meeting was held - a large space that gives us something to compare and look forward to in our new space. For the production of the June newsletter and then the June Committee Meeting, Warren Harris has provided a space that is perfect for what we need – a big thanks to Harry!

Whilst the planning and strategic side is ticking along, at the same time we have been able to move to a practical and operational mode.

On the planning side, the Building Subcommittee have met again to touch base and assess where we are at. Following lodgement of the Planning Permit, there is a statutory requirement of notifying this (the advertising

period), most commonly by way of the required 'yellow sign' which was placed out the front of the building and ran to conclusion.

Whilst this was running, there was a meeting with the heritage adviser, and all requirements attended to - the biggest item being in relation to trees (proving that we planted them, and committing to plant replacements for screening), and choice of external colours etc.

A Survey Plan has been prepared and the survey peg is in, which sets the heights. Stormwater assessment and BESS report (Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard) have also been completed as required.

I have continued with the road discontinuance and been in discussions with Council, which is proving a better result than first discussed, by increasing the activation of space for the lease footprint at the same time. I am working with them on a Memorandum of Understanding to be put in place whilst the closure process runs and until the lease agreement is formalised and finalised.

In relation to the previously mentioned potential 'sale' of the existing clubrooms, this is now at an end, and we will move to demolition as first proposed. President Andy has sought some expert help in this space which will reduce the original estimated cost significantly. We have appointed a building surveyor to look after the demolition permits and equipment is lined up.

This process will involve the salvage of specific items - see the classifieds in the newsletter for what is available and make an offer - i.e. windows, heating and cooling units, fans, doors and frames, kitchen unit, lights and bathroom items etc - then followed by the strip out of windows, fireproof doors, floor boards etc.

Once this is all clear, the materials will be separated out - recycled (e.g metal on walls and roof) or scrapped as deemed appropriate. And prior to this the disconnection of services is being lined up.

Before demolition can take place, of course the building needs to be emptied – there has been a lot of work undertaken by members in the areas of library, records, memorabilia, cataloguing etc. whilst keeping aside items needed for ongoing operational use e.g. newsletter production, photocopier etc.

A big thank you to all volunteers thus far, I won't name them all (in case I miss someone!), but will provide more specific detail of this massive task next month.

Brett Holloway

On behalf of the Building Subcommittee

PAST EVENTS

Naked Radiator Run - Sunday, 2nd June 2024



Those who attended this Run before starting their engines!

Meeting at the soon to go club rooms for the very last time (or what we thought, anyway), 21 cars and 37 people left almost on time. Considering the cold and drizzle earlier in the morning, there were a good number of nakeds, mixed with vintages and classics and a couple of moderns.

After our usual natter and catch up we actually left on the run in lovely sunshine, though I was hoping that those in the nakeds were well rugged up as we were only expecting a top of 11 for the day!

Turning out via Sebastopol to Buninyong we headed towards Mt Mercer before turning off the main road and travelling along true countryside roads.

It was lovely to see a few people stopped what they were doing and watched our convoy go past, including a couple of cute little kids waving at every car furiously while mum filmed us all I hope you all waved back to them!

Barry and I felt like we were off to the beach as that's the only time we head that way out of Buninyong ... but we turned off after Grenville onto a gravel road and into the unknown, for us anyway. Travelling through the peaceful sleepy Sunday morning countryside ... jolted a little by some corrugations ... finally we went over a bridge and back onto bitumen. By then, due to the corrugations, we had lost sight of those ahead and behind but we all caught

up together fairly soon.

Driving through farming country, that, in spite of the serrated tussocks, was showing signs of greening up towards Meredith, we noted how good the condition of these country roads are - considering the state of our major roads. And all before turning towards Shelford and a beautiful newish widened road for a stretch of 20 plus kms except for a gravelled ripped up short piece complete with potholes just to make up for the fact that the roads had been so good so far.

Car enthusiasts can be found anywhere with a farmer in his driveway turning off his tractor and watching us all pass. A highlight of this stretch was a tinsel



The line up of vintage cars at the clubrooms

decorated Christmas tree on a float in the middle of a dam, definitely raised a giggle from both of us. Heading into Teesdale we drove into a band of light rain, easing off before town into drizzle and stopping completely before we hit the town.

It got misty again after Teesdale, we could see heavy clouds and patches of rain to the south but it was lucky to never actually reach us, and affect our day, including those that were travelling rugged up in the nakeds.

Once into Bannockburn we turned south, there are so many new houses in these country communities and towns now, considering it was mainly farmland and hobby farms when we travelled along the Skipton to Bannockburn stretch to family holidays from the very early 60s to the 90s.

Heading towards Stonehaven we drove into rain again - patchy rain along the coast and inland had been forecast, so it was to be expected. Stone fences appeared to our left and right in all stages of build and condition ... Stonehaven living up to its name for sure.

With the outskirts of Geelong coming into the further view, we turned left into Friend In Hand Road (ummmm - that had to be named after an old pub run by a Britisher!) back towards



A mixture of classics with the nakeds

Ballarat and on not so good conditioned road to Gheringhap, again passing some more happy waving pedestrians.

On gravel roads, a left turn took us on to our destination back onto bitumen and to our hosts Noel and Marg who had set up a lovely lot of tables and chairs for our lunch. Their collection is comprised of wagons and buggies and delivery vehicles from the 1850s onwards in a massively huge shed that is full to the edges with vehicles in all directions.

Noel's passion with carts commenced from the time he was around 4 when he travelled with his father to Lara and back overnight - and he has been riding and driving ever since, including shows across all of Western Victoria.

The only time Noel has left the Stonehaven area was in his primary school days when his father moved the family to Ballarat and ran the Golfhouse Hotel for 18 months, with Noel attending St Columba's. He also told me stories of his favourite pony and how his father sold her, but he got her back and bred a couple of foals from her, the only owner to get her to breed.

Noel has a wide variety of wagons, buggies, jinkers and carts, with some very interesting vehicles in amongst them. Like a Windover wagonette that was built for a maharajah, a Cobb & Co stagecoach, and a 26 passenger drag that was originally driven by Noel's grandfather's brother in and around Geelong and along the coast. Noel bought this one because of the family links and sentimental value.

The oldest one I could find was a 1850 Bath Cart, used to convey the elderly and sick to the baths in Bath, England. This one ended up in Australia when the contents of an English manor house or castle was purchased to furnish an Australian home and the cart came as well. Noel also seems to like the wagons built by Adam Demarest in New York, USA. He has a beautifully restored wagonette from the 1890s on display.

Noel advised his wheels are done by Mark Burton in Canberra, and any rebuilds by Hank Mennen in Bendigo.

Thank you for letting us view your collection Noel and Marg, we appreciate you opening your doors and your information to us.

Cyndy Allison

Attendees Naked Radiator Run - Sunday 2nd June 2024

1929 Delage DM

Movle Bunworth 1928 Ford Model A Tudor Darren & Jono Miles 1928 Ford Model A Tudor Frank & Jan Tamis 1929 Plymouth

Rick Thege, Heather Gingell, Tony & Lyn McDonald

Tom Quinlan 1929 DeSoto Coupe Warren Harris 1929 Marguette

Neville Finch 1930 Ford Model A Coupe

Gordon & Pam Roberts 1933 Dodge Coupe

Mark Richmond, Ron & 1938 Pontiac

Linda Harris, Bill Payne, Bill Pearce

Jenny Groves & Sue 1955 Austin A30 Nerene Backhouse 1956 Austin A30

Jenny Ure & Rod MacDonald 1964 Holden EH Premier

Ivan & Helen Tarrant 1966 Mustana

Ross Humphrev 1967 Holden Premier Bruce Kerr 1968 Morris Cooper S John Taylor 1974 Triumph TC 2500

Daryl & Barb Mitchell 1984 Falcon EFI

Barry & Cyndy Allison 1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette

Wayne & June Harrop 1988 Porsche 944 S 1997 Ford Mondeo Karen Otto

Modern - Rav Allen

(Ed, no photos were permitted of the venue - sorry)





Ross Humphrey's beautiful HR is flanked by two other

beauties - the A30's of Nerene Backhouse and Jenny Groves

A line up of vintages at Gheringhap

June Club Run to Maldon - Sunday 23rd June (Trophy Points)

We woke up on the Sunday morning to a very frosty start. By the time 31 vehicles had assembled at the Doctors car park on Learmonth Road, the frost had gone and the sun was shining brightly. By 9.40 we were on our way, over the highway and through Miners Rest.

We then took the back road through Coghills Creek on our way to the morning tea stop at Clunes. The line up of club cars/bikes in the main street of Clunes looked great. Several members took a very good look at David Goldsmith's rare 2 door Citroen MS (pictured right). Another car that received a lot of attention from club members and locals was Mal and Judy Bandy's 1929 Chrysler.



It was then off to Maldon via Campbelltown and Newstead. When we got to Maldon several club members commented on the good quality of the back roads compared to the potholes on the main roads. At Maldon we were greeted by several committee members of the museum who offered to give us a guided tour of the premises.

The Museum opened in 2006. The display includes all types of farm machinery, engines, ploughs and an 1877 steam driven engine. The fire shed houses Maldon's first fire engine plus much memorabilia. There is also a dairy display, a Castlemaine bacon butcher's shop and the original town weighbridge.

A new section of the museum is dedicated to the old timber industry of the town. It includes a huge display of old saws. axes and other equipment from the timber industry. A large collection of equipment from the Thompsons factory in Castlemaine is a highlight of the display. There is also a small open goldmine that you can enter.



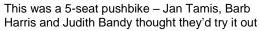
Everyone gathered around to hear the story of the Museum

After leaving the display, members moved back into the town

for lunch. The excellent bakery was visited by several members - other members visited some of the local cafés, whilst others visited the local Lions Club Park. The weather was perfect for the day with brilliant sunshine.

The Museum is well worth a visit if you are in the area. It is open on Wednesday and Saturday between 10am and 4pm. Entry is by a small donation of \$5 per person. Thank you to all who attended. We hope you enjoyed the day. John and Gayle Pickering.







Brett & Kevin Holloway and Ron & Neale Goad read the very interesting information in the Fire Shed

Attendees - Monthly Club Run to Maldon - 23rd June 2024

Malcolm & Judith Bandy Roy Littlehales & Graeme Musgrove Rick Thege & Heather Gingell Kevin & Brett Holloway

Nerene Backhouse

Jenny Ure & Rod MacDonald

Colin & Laurelyn Hill Jan & Frank Tamis Mery & Maree Sherlock

Ross Humphrey Mike & Lyn Simpson Rod Gardner

John Taylor Wayne Lineker Tom Quinlan David Goldsmith Alan Rodgers Richard English John Cloman Frank Whitfield

Kevin & Ena Connell Daryl & Barb Mitchell

John & Gayle Pickering Kevin & Lorelli Huggins

Andrew & Julie Brown

Brian Drennan **Brendan Stevens**

BMW R 75 Modern - Dale & Junie Collins, Ron & Marion Smith, Bob & Tracey Bennetts, Colin & Anne Anderson

1929 Chrysler 75 1938 Oldsmobile

1951 TA21 Alvis 1955 FJ Holden

1956 Austin A30

1964 EH Holden Premier

1964 Ford Zodiac 1965 Ford Mustang

1966 Rover P5 Mk 3

1967 Holden HR Premier

1969 Ford Executive

1970 Datsun 1200 Coupe

1970 MGB Mk 11

1971 XY GS Fairmont 1972 Mercedes Benz

1973 Citroen SM

1975 Triumph Trident

1976 Triumph Tiger 1978 Holden Premier

1981 Mercedes Benz 300TD

1984 Volvo 240

1986 Mercedes Benz 300SE

1990 Mazda MX5

1990 Cressida

1992 Holden Statesman

1999 Jaguar XJ8





This is a Sunbeam motorbike



Two of our Life Members - Kevin Holloway and Ron Goad - enjoying the sunshine



Nerene thought she'd go for a ride - she preferred the front not the back!

AOMC Meeting 28th May 2024

This particular night contained two meetings - a special meeting to alter the AOMC rules and the ordinary meeting.

The Special Meeting passed three resolutions, the first of which was to allow unincorporated clubs to be members of the AOMC. I believe this was to correct an anomaly, in that some unincorporated clubs which had been longstanding members, and never became incorporated when the legislation was made to enable clubs to do so, were technically not allowed to remain members due to the requirement for member clubs to be incorporated. The second resolution changed the Purposes clause marginally to better reflect the Aims of the AOMC, whilst the third resolution changed the membership clauses and the joining fees, again mostly a procedural change. The ordinary meeting again didn't have a lot of reportable content.

There was a presentation by the two cast members from the Garage Girls which was effectively a plug for local car clubs to invite a performance of the show in their own locality. About 50 members minimum and the provision of a venue would get a showing.

The President reported on his joint working party meeting with Federation. They have achieved two set meetings a year with the Department of Transport (DoT). Matters to be raised at the first meeting are:-

- i) The relationship between DoT and VicRoads,
- ii) License plates and permission to display, and
- iii) Appropriate Use of the Club Permit Scheme.

The AOMC is looking for systemic issues within the CPS to raise with DoT. He is not interested in one off matters. One Delegate raised the issue of a maximum 20% increase in horsepower, and the vehicle was then subject to "M" plate regulations. He was looking for a greater increase before the M regs were imposed, which I thought was excessive. There was a general discussion about various anomalies and experiences encountered at different VicRoads offices and their individual interpretation of the rules, but nothing that was a useful outcome for the purposes of the VCCC.

There were reports on two events:-

- a) the Florence Thomson Tour in Gippsland which by all accounts was very successful and planning is under way all ready for 2025, and
- b) the National Motoring Heritage Day, and various events were reported on including Ballarat.

The major current AOMC issue is the development of a master insurance policy for Clubs. Officers are currently developing a risk management framework. It is hopeful that the insurance will be in place by October. An interesting point is that Club events outside of Victoria would not be covered, under the current proposal.

The standard issues of the Treasurer's report were dealt with (\$271,000 in hand) and Engine Number Records with requests for mostly Ford Falcon GT's, Torana's, and Monaro's.

Next Delegates meeting is 24th August at MOVE in Shepparton.

Ruth and Damian O'Doherty

Delegates for the VCCC



The latest edition of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) Newsletter is now available.

This is #7 of Spoke 'n' Hub Torque dated 1 June 2024. There is information and articles from across the Country, including National Motoring Heritage Day, the World Forum for Motor Museums, and more. They are also for looking for articles if you have something of interest that is worthy sharing to a wide audience.

You can find this newsletter at https://www.federation.asn.au ->Affiliates or https://ahmf.org.au/newsletter/

Brett Holloway

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree F

Phone 5339 2056

Contact Neale

Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat

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FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

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Great Australian Motorcycle Stories

by John Bryant

Published in 2014

260 Pages

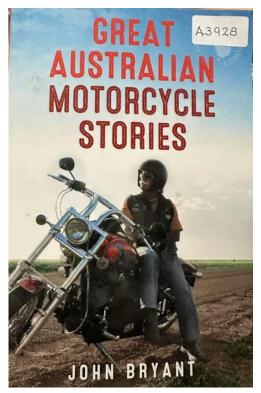
Donated by James Kirkpatrick

Get out on the highway and into this collection of all-Australian Motorcycle stories! Edited by John Bryant and full of laconic Australian humour, these 40 stories capture the freedom, fun, independent adventure that comes with having a motor bike – no matter how big or small. Meet Tex and his Blue Heeler - Bundy - who have ridden over 600,000 km together for charity; Neil Collier who crafted a chopper out of camphor laurel wood; and the unforgettable paramedic who saved the day and walked away with a great dinner-party story.

John Bryant became addicted to motorcycles at 15 years of age after bolting an old motorised wheelchair engine to his pushbike. When John was a young kid, his hero was a motorcycle policeman who lived down at the end of his family street. He would often see him going to and fro from work, sitting majestically astride his black Matchless police motorbike. Every kid in the neighbourhood worshipped him!

Years later when John had saved up the necessary 110 pounds, he bought his first motorcycle – a black 1960 BMW B27, a 250cc single-pot engine with 18 almost-invisible horse power, boasting a rubber-mounted powertrain and shaft drive. This was back in 1964 and it was underpowered, ungainly, and ugly as sin, but he loved it!

Nearly half a century later, he has owned them all – mopeds, scooters, dirt bikes, sports rockets, cruisers and tourers. His two-wheeled adventures have led him into the volcanoes of New Zealand, across the prairies and the deserts of the USA, and around a lot of



Australia. John started Australia's first motorcycle wedding escort service by importing six of the world's biggest road bikes and dressing his riders in tuxedo jackets, bow ties and white gauntlets. After surviving several wipeouts, he is now growing old disgracefully on two wheels. Why do guys and girls who ride bikes always seem to have so much fun?

When Club Members of the V.C.C.C are heading off on holidays they always go into our Club Library looking for a couple of good, light-hearted books to read. This new book is highly recommended, even if you don't ride a motorbike! Thank you again to James – it is a good read!

Some of the other great holiday reading in the Library are:-

by Sally-Anne Fowles

A452 Life's a Bike – People and their Bikes

A743 Smith & Son - an Expedition into Africa on 1955 Triumph Tiger Cubs

by Anthony Smith.

<u>A1993</u> <u>Barry Sheene 1950 – 2003 The Biography</u>

by Stuart Barker.

A1350 V. Room with a View - Milan to Rome on '61 Vespa

by Peter Moore.

A1919 By Any Means – Wicklow to Wollongong

by Charley Boorman

A2117 Race to Dakar

by Charley Boorman

A1841 Long Way Down - John O'Groats to Cape Town

by Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman

. and many other books that will be available when the Library opens again. Ron Gay



The Quarterly Delegates' meeting was held over the weekend of National Motoring Heritage Day in Kerang on Saturday 18 May, hosted by the Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club. This was followed the next day by the inaugural Murrabit Picnic Day, so we stayed over.

Originally the Kerang members joined the St Arnaud Club, then Swan Hill when it was formed. As the Committee was made up mainly of Kerang people, in 1978 they formed their own Club. They started out in a small meeting room at the flying club, then to a meeting room in the Kerang Museum, then to the Golf Club. They now cotenant with the Rotary Club in their own clubrooms, where the meeting was hosted. They have 170 family members, with an average of 50 at meetings. There are 300 vehicles on permit and 50 fully registered that support the club activities well.

All normal Agenda items were covered, the ones that I noted for interest are as follows:

Trophy Donations:

Hamilton & District VVC Drivers Club – King's Birthday long weekend rally (June) Hobsons Bay Motoring Group – held over pending more information

Capital Grants:

Early Ford V8 Club – for portable PA system – paid and collected. Rochester Motoring Club – re Show n Shine to be held 19 October 2024 in support of getting the town back on track, 2 years after the floods, in conjunction with a Town Market on the day. To be re-assessed to align with Capital Grant rather than event costs and funding.

Events:

Picnic at Mortlake - report on the excellent day Sunday 24th March 2024 with 110 vehicles **Wunghnu Vehicle, Machinery and Collectables Picnic Day** – report of 30th/31st March with 70 tractors, 40 stationary engines and 42 cars on display.

Scoresby Picnic – report of Sunday 5th May 2024 at National Steam Centre, 170 vehicles, competing with other events on the day too.

Murrabit Picnic – Sunday 19th May 2024 to celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day. This was the first event that somewhat replaced the former combined 3 Rivers Picnic Day. Held at the Murrabit Market site, with over 100 vehicles, ranging from Vintage right through the eras, coming from Ballarat, Bendigo, St Arnaud and Mildura, with many Delegates making it a weekend. BBQ, coffee van and live band all made it a great day. The weather was kind (dry with a gentle breeze) and Federation provided the prizes for the free raffle that was received well by entrants.

Picnic at Marong – Sunday 25th August 2024, plus start of Golden Oldies. All booked as previous years, Rotary will again be on hand for a late breakfast or lunch.

Baw Baw Picnic – set for Sunday 20th October 2024, with the Delegates' Meeting the day before.

- **Golden Oldies Tour (2024)** For Vintage Vehicles only (1919 1930), Sunday 25th August to Sunday 1st September 2024 starting at Marong, to Maryborough (2 nights), Daylesford (2 nights), and Ballarat (3 nights). Entries have closed with 50+ entered, should be a great run.
- **Peter Mac Fundraiser** the tins are out and about, and some have been returned already. A combined Clubs event in Bendigo raised \$902.05. A reminder the VCCC has a tin if you wish to make a contribution to this worthy cause.

Bendigo Swap – 16/17th November 2024

Planning is underway for the 2024 event. Follow ups for empty sites not used last year, display of Chrysler and MG as they both reach 100 years, plus survivor cars. Volunteer rosters were distributed at the meeting, and this is now with Secretary Nancy – refer to her report for information and to put your name down. Catering is still being worked through, bookings are looking at an alternative system, and card options at the entrance gates too. There is also potential for a new shed (dependent on funding) so don't hold your breath on that one.

AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation) and Robert Shannon Foundation.

- There was a meeting (online) 20th March, and WA have come back to the group. The AGM this year will be held in Adelaide in September.
- AHMF has donated \$2,000 to the Robert Shannon Trust. In support of this, at each Federation meeting a raffle is held, with proceeds matched by Federation. Expecting to raise \$1,000 over the year, first meeting was \$162, last meeting was \$223, and this meeting was \$255, so on track with \$640 raised to date.
- Applications for the Robert Shannon Foundation scholarships closed at the end of May.
- The latest edition of Spoke n Hub has dropped refer to separate note in the newsletter.
- Delegates have been invited to the World Forum for Motor Museums in Japan in October, incorporating tours of Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Mazda and Fuji Motorsports Museums, more details can be found in Spoke n Hub.
- Canberra University has been engaged to conduct a survey on fossil fuels, watch this space

Federation/AOMC Joint Working Group

There has been a further meeting held in May (online due to some being sick), with the main focus being securing a regular meeting with Department of Transport/VicRoads and preparation for that meeting. More details to come once the meeting has been held and minutes distributed.

Club Compliance Responsibilities

Clubs need to be aware there has been a change to reporting requirements - at a State level (Consumer Affairs Victoria - reporting revenue thresholds and a new version of myCAV lodgements) and at a Federal level (Self Assessing of Income Tax Exemptions) that I have been constantly reporting on to Federation.

The prize for vehicle on display was for 1939 Packard Sedan.

The next Delegates' meeting is in August in Mildura (another weekend away), followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Brett & Kevin Holloway Federation Delegates

CLASSIFIEDS - FOR SALE AND WANTED

All advertisements under Classifieds must include a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.

Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.

Deadline for articles - Tues 30th July 2024 Editor, Nerene Backhouse - npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

Items for Sale re demolition of clubrooms

As the demolition of the existing VCCC clubrooms proceeds, the following items will be available:

14 x windows, aluminium 1 sliding, 1 fixed, bronze colour

Gas underfloor heating unit and in excess of 50 metres of ducting, floor vents, natural gas, thermostatically controlled

Ceiling fans, 4 of, with hard wired controllers

Doors & frames, 2 x double, 1 / 2280h x 1400w, 1 / 2040h x 1900w -

7 single, 1 / 2080 x 950, 1 / 1960 x 790, 1 / 2000 x 800, 1 / 2040 x 910, 1 / 2090 x 840, 1 / 1980 x 820.

Evaporative coolers, roof mounted in good operational condition

Westinghouse DSK9635NG 900mm freestanding *cooker* with a 118 litre electric *oven* and grill, and electronic ignition to 5 gas burners

Urinal, 2 x hand basins, 3 x toilet bowls & cisterns

10 x modern Fluorescent-type lights

Make a reasonable offer to any committee member (see page 2 for contact details)

For Sale - Original 1975 HJ Sandman Panel Van Built In Brisbane

This Sandman was purchased by the current owner 27 years ago and has held QLD registration continually during that time – it has only been driven 15,000 kilometres in the last 18 years!

The Chev Patient 308, Fresh Holden Motor is out of a 1975 GTS Holden Monaro with just over 101,000 km. The Sandman has been well maintained and cared for, insured with Shannons and has full QLD registration until 5th October 2024.

Located in Central Qld for inspection and negotiation - Price: \$55,000

VIN: BHJ17243B QLD Rego No. 899-GUH Engine No. 19L5 (that's the number stamped on the

engine)

Contact Kim Burgess - kiminyamba@gmail.com

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3 windows from either an FB, FE or FC Holden. Any reasonable offer accepted Some starter motors (condition unknown) from Holden

engines

Contact Ross Block – 5339 0606 - 0407 834 884 or rossblock@hotmail.com





For Sale

For health reasons, I'm selling my 1926 Rugby Tourer. In good condition. Club registration No. 6-478 (not transferable), Chassis No. C362148, Engine No. 372313.

Currently on jacks in my garage so that I can start it up regularly.

Price \$14,000

Phone John on 0419 127 945



For Sale
Assorted tools – see
photos
Contact Mike Simpson
0419 935 147





<u>GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED</u> – Permit Officer, Richard English has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

First and preferred option – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

Second Option – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

Third Option - Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fourth Option – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fifth Option – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

<u>VERY IMPORTANT</u> – When applying for a new Permit - PLEASE make sure you have ALL the necessary documents. This will save both you and the Permit Officer a lot of wasted time.

NOTE* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.

CLUB CALENDAR - JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

For the Details of Events, See Page 5; also refer to the 12-month calendar.

JULY	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	13th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers	Xmas in July Wallace	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	21st	Presidents Trophy Run	Bridges Run	Andy Burns	O428935988	ТВА
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7:30pm
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Fri-Sun	2nd-4th	Festival of Speed	Winton Raceway			
Sun	4th	Naked Radiator Run	Clubrooms site	Frank & Jan Tamis	O475192372	10:30am
Sat	10th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Thurs	15th	Rustless Wanderers	Venue TBA	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	16th	Club AGM	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	18th	Restoration Roundabout	ТВА	Mike Simpson	O419935147	ТВА
Tues	20th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7:30pm
Sun	25th	Federation - Marong Picnic	Leave from Karingal Carpets, Creswick Road	Mike Simpson	0419935147	8.45am sharp
Sun	25th	Hamilton Swap Meet				
SEPT						
Sat	14th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Thurs	19th	Rustless Wanderers	Venue TBA	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	20th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	22nd	Trophy Run	Ladies drive	Jan Tamis	0475192372	ТВА
Tues	24th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			
Sat	28th	AFL Grand Final				
Sun	29th	Sports Car Run	ТВА	J & G Pickering	0408914943	TBA

Events in italics are hosted by other clubs/organisations. Calendar info to Brendan Stevens by 25th of each month



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