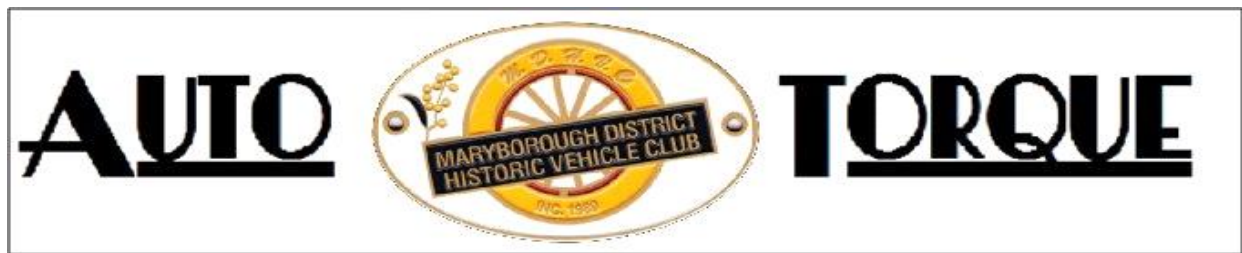


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## *Car on the Cover*



Danie DeVilliers Mercedes Benz 190SL

**MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB Inc.**  
**Reg. No. AOO19397 S**

**MISSION**

The aim of the Club is to encourage the preservation, restoration, and use of historic vehicles.

**MEETINGS**

Club meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month at MDHVC Velodrome Clubrooms, off Avoca Road, Maryborough, unless otherwise notified.

Outings are held on the last Sunday of the month, as advised in the DIARY section of our newsletter, Auto Torque.

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<b>MDHVC is a Member of the Federation of Veteran, Vintage &amp; Classic Vehicle Clubs</b>		

Wanted to buy, swap or sell - cars must have VIN number and price.

If you want Auto Torque emailed, (only way to **guarantee** you getting A/T before the meeting - please let Secretary know. (Send me an email, then I have your correct email)

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## ***President's Prattle***

Hi Everyone,

This will be my second last President's Prattle. I have enjoyed my time as President and I may stand again some day, but for now I have a lot on my plate. My brother, who lives in Eaglehawk is 83 and not in very good health. He has been in and out of hospital and I have had to look after him from time to time. (He is getting better). Maria is still getting hospital checkups, and I am having a Carpal Tunnel operation on my right hand, so that means light duties for the next six weeks. Then I have the left hand to go. The Prattle is the hardest thing to do because I can only write about a line and then my hand goes numb and I must rest it for about 10 minutes. Then I start all over again.

Those are my problems. But if you want to be a volunteer on the committee, then nominate at the AGM. The committee members are a great bunch and all look after each other. It can be a rewarding experience.

Keith.

### **CLUB CALENDAR**

<b>July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	General Meeting – 12.00pm – Barbeque lunch to follow
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	President's run – 10.00am departure from station
<b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	General Meeting and Annual General Meeting -12.00pm Afternoon tea to follow
<b>August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Marong Picnic – 9.00am departure

### **LUNCH ROSTER**

David Morris, Dan Mullins, Bob Purchase

#### **duties**

Setting out the chairs before meeting and wash/clean up afterwards.

Barbeque lunch to be provided by club.

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### **CLUB PERMIT RENEWALS**

**August 2024** Joe Chapman, John Chivers, Peter Daniell, Tony Evans, Gordon Gillett, Glenn Hooper, Bruce Leech, Geoff Lucas, Mike Lyne, Bob Purchase, Ian Rogers, Ivan Shrubsole, Kayleen Tonkin, Lee Wilson.

### ***Non – club events***

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** Carz n Coffee at Howson Memorial Park between Newton and Peel Streets opposite the Men's Shed.

## ***Car on the cover***

My Mercedes 190SL story began 60 years ago.

I had a friend who had a small set of slot cars which was a little oval track about four feet long. He had two cars – one of which was a maroon pagoda roof SL. I was fascinated by it and always dreamt of owning one.

On immigrating to Australia, I then discovered the preceding model, the 190SL, and started looking for one. I eventually found one and screwed up the courage to ask permission to buy it. It had a beautiful story. It was bought in 1957 by a Perth industrialist, who had to get permission from the Reserve Bank to spend foreign capital. He was clearly very well off, he and his wife went to Europe to collect the car, and spent six weeks travelling through Europe with it. It was then loaded on a South African ship, the SS Tugela, on which they then spent two months getting back to Perth.

On his death his wife then donated the car to their daughter, in remembrance of her father. The car then had one subsequent owner from whom I bought her. She was not in great shape, as I discovered over time. There were lots of little things which needed sorting out. That is when I met Bill Wilson who became my mentor doing small things.

He first sorted out the window winding mechanisms with me just getting in the way. Over the next few years we did heaps of things, the biggest being Bill replacing the entire set of floor pans and reinforcing the sill as they were all badly corroded. We also replaced the carpets etc and brought it all back to original. My children got married using the car and it became a very treasured item in our lives.

But then disaster struck. My shed burnt down with my car included. It was one of the darkest days of my life.

It took me six months of getting my head around what had happened and I eventually decided to take the plunge and replace the car. I was fortunate enough to find an identical vehicle to the one I lost. It is in good shape and I think Bill is even happier about that than I am.

One good outcome of it was that my last remaining unmarried son lost his excuse that there was no car for his wedding, and thus we have a wedding booked for November!

Danie DeVilliers



My friend Harold says... How is it that authorities can find enough bitumen for speed humps, but never enough to fix potholes?

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### **General Meetings for June, July and August.**

At the May meeting it was decided to hold our General Meetings on the third Sunday of the month during winter. Some members have expressed their concern at driving on wintry nights in wet and foggy conditions, and when kangaroos are about and a daytime meeting will overcome this.

Our first such meeting was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm with afternoon tea following. It was very well attended and July's meeting will be at 12,00 noon on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a barbeque lunch to follow. The August meeting, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, is also the AGM and will start at 2.00pm with afternoon tea to follow. Please make your time available to attend these meetings and enjoy the time after.

The Federation is raising funds for Peter McCullum Hospital for research into cancer, and at each of our winter meetings a tin will be available for you to make a donation, which will be gratefully received and put to good use.

The club sincerely thanks Val Barry, Cheryl Saint, Jennie Austin, Isobel Hawksley and Judy Anderson for providing the enjoyable nibbles for our June meeting.

### **Membership Fees**

Your membership fees were due for payment by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Some members have now become unfinancial and need to make a prompt payment. Payment can be placed in the container at the meeting, made by direct deposit to the Club's bank account or handed to the treasurer. Details are on your renewal form.

If you have a car on the Club Permit System, it is most important that your fees are paid, as you must be a current financial member for your permit to be valid.

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### **Notes from Federation**

- Bendigo Swap** As of 22/6 there are a few vacant sites both indoor and outdoor still available for this years swap. If you want a site, Google 'Bendigo swap 2024' and follow the headings to find the application form.
- Fuel and Lubricant Survey** The University of Canberra and the Australian Historic Motoring Federation are conducting a survey on current and future use of fossil fuels and lubricants in operating heritage machines. You can participate by completing the survey at <https://uoc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SVeYdZYPxnUunYd3o>

Or Contact Neil Athorn (Federation President) on 0408 033 839 or by email to [neilathorn8@gmail.com](mailto:neilathorn8@gmail.com)

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## ***Cortina Club visit 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> June***

On the long weekend in June a number of members of the Cortina Club in Melbourne came to Central Victoria. They visited Maldon to see where the hillclimb event takes place and also visited the Maldon Museum where they were given a guided tour by Rob Barry, with whom they were very impressed. They then came on to Maryborough where we extended our hospitality to them.

Saturday night was a dinner at the Bull & Mouth Restaurant followed on Sunday morning by a hot breakfast at Daryl Barry's, where he had spent many hours charging batteries and pumping tyres to put his collection of cars on display, and opening his sheds for us to peruse his collection of all things automobilia.

While Daryl, Les and Val attended to putting things back in order, the visitors were taken on a quick tour of Maryborough and then on to Moliagul to see the site where the 'Welcome Stranger' gold nugget was discovered, and to see the memorial to the birthplace of Rev. John Flynn 'Flynn of the Inland'. A light lunch in Dunolly followed and then it was back to meet at Daryl and Val Maffesciوني's to see their large collections.

Daryl has a very large collection of trucks from the family business which has extended for over 100 years, as well as many trucks, cars, wagons and other horse-drawn vehicles. There is also a large display of many things relating to Maryborough's history. You could walk through his shed and grounds many times and still miss seeing something. Val has an exceptional collection of hundreds of dolls, prams, basinettes, toys and clothes, all displayed in a separate building.

Sunday night's dinner was at the Highland Society and on Monday we took a guided tour of the historic Maryborough Railway Station, where we learnt the correct history of how it came to be here, and not in Maryborough Qld or Spencer Street, as well as many other interesting facts and features of the building.

Our thanks go to Daryl, Les and Val Barry for their hospitality, and to Daryl and Val Maffesciوني for their willingness to share their property with our visitors.

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### ***Club Run to Wood's Museum at Rupanyup 30.6.24***



The Tonka toys room



One of the many tractors in the shed

Some of us had been to this museum a few years ago, and it was decided that another visit was in order, both to allow those who have never been there to see it, and for us all to see the many new items which have been added over the past few years. 22 members and 3 visitors left Maryborough at 9.00am to Rupanyup to the Wood's brothers museum.

The museum is constantly evolving, with new displays being added, and existing displays being re-grouped and improved on. One new addition is that of a Tonka toy display. This contains over 850 Tonka toys with many still new in their boxes, as well as the ones which have been loved and played with over the years. They are all housed in one of the many rooms inside the very large shed.

As you wander from room to room, it is easy to become 'lost' and be left with the dilemma of 'should I turn left or right?' If I go this way I can see a room full of display cases containing wedding dresses, deb dresses ball gowns and more, all with a connection to Rupanyup, or if I go this way, there is the street of shops – a butcher, Post Office, general store, medical centre, boot repairer, and more. How about a wander through Grandma's house with kitchen, bedrooms, bathroom, lounge room all decked out in 1910 style.

Or Mums house set up in the style you would see in the 1940's. Then there are other rooms containing collections of radios, tvs, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, and many other household appliances. And don't forget the rooms of Anzac biscuit tins, shortbread tins and biscuit tins with 3-d pictures of cars pressed into the lids. All this and more occupies only about one quarter of the shed, as the rest is filled with stationary engines, and 'sheds' built to resemble a shearing shed, a blacksmith, a dairy and a garage workshop, plus more. The aisles contain display cases tools of all kinds – jacks, wheel braces, files, farriers tools, bench drills, and about 30 display cases of spanners. Then walk along the next aisle and examine the many stationary engines, both big and small.

Walk outside and head towards the other large shed and spend time looking at almost 100 tractors, and farm machinery of all kinds. Before long it will be time to leave this immense collection, which is still evolving, with a promise to return and see it all again.



Wedding, Deb, and evening gowns



Lawson's garage

## General Meeting Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

OPENED: The meeting opened at 2:00PM President Keith Dodkins welcomed all some good daylight for the meeting but still very cold.

PRESENT: Thirty-five (35) members as per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Dani Devilliers, Bill Wilson, Peter Gray, Di Smith, Lindsay Crawford and Tony Evans.

MINUTES: Minutes of the prior General Meeting in May 2024 as published in Auto Torque, were submitted for confirmation Moved: Jenny Austin Sec'd: Ray Jessup Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: NIL.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In: 5 Club Newsletters.

Wattle Office statement.

Bendigo Swap volunteer list via Ron Kennedy.

Moved: Amanda Gardner Sec'd: Daryl Barry Carried

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Laurie Cooke gave a verbal report on Club finances for the month of May 2024.

Laurie moved that the accounts be accepted. Sec'd: Russell Bell Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Amanda Gardner gave a brief verbal report.

OUTINGS:

Russell reported on the Kerang Federation Meeting the inaugural FED Picnic at Murrabit the day after which had 101 cars turn up including a replica of the first Ford motor car.

Rupanyup – Museum visit 9am start.

July – Presidents Run – Gwenrose Farm – observation run prior to lunch.

August – Marong Picnic – 9 AM start.

September – The Big Stupa Bendigo

October – Clydesdale Primary School near Newstead (human not horses).

I was asked why Rupanyup was not done as a bus trip – as was originally? suggested.

Discussion of potential Bus Trips - Narrapumelap Historic Homestead was suggested.

Christmas & Brekkie Run – we need to have suggestions for locations.

Russell reported on the Cortina club visit - only 7 club members joined them, Russell thanked Daryl for putting all his cars out, and Maffessconi Museum was visited.

FEDERATION REPORT: Ron Kennedy gave a report and highlighted attractions for the upcoming Marong Picnic and Bendigo Swap where 'Survivor & Barn Find' cars will be on display.

New rules for Electric Conversions – VASS Certificate for Full Registration or Club Permit Scheme.

He reported He will not be available for the Mildura Meeting – would anyone like to attend as an Observer?

Russell Pointed out that \$1000 Federation Grants are available to the club ONLY if some club members volunteer at the Bendigo Swap. (past grants to MDHVC were for kitchen renovation and a computer?)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Amanda reported she has bought a suitably sized collapsible movie screen for use in the club room – asked for help erecting it after the meeting – no video's today as the downloaded videos were found to have QR code blocking a 1/3 of the screen – removable only IF a fee is paid.

Keith announced that he has been given a hand push mower- free to good home.

Neville spoke of using the Bendigo Swap to co-ordinate and meet friends from around the state – co-ordinating, camping overnight and working a gate together – he also mentioned his collection of annual Swap Meet Hat Pins that can be bought for \$10 at the swap.

Gordon Gillett mentioned an annual event where some guy charged \$2 for parking at the pub for markets – when he stopped doing so (passed away?) it was discovered it was a long-term con – the pub had no idea the guy had been charging for parking.

Afternoon tea after the meeting, next month the meeting will be at Midday and the BBQ lunch held right afterwards.

CLOSED: President Keith closed the meeting at 2:58 PM.