# SIDE LIGHTS

MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB

**FOUNDED 1969**
**MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB Inc.**
**- A0001922T (MPHVC)**
**Member of the Federation of Vintage, Veteran & Classic Vehicles Clubs and the Association of Motoring Clubs.**

# MARCH 2024

RARELY DOES SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE CAR COME UP FOR SALE!
OFFERED FOR THE 1ST TIME IN NEARLY 45 YEARS, IS THIS 1937 ALVIS.

# UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

***MARCH***

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| * | **Sunday 3rd** | **Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe. 9.30am** | *(see details back page)* |
| * | **Sunday 10th** | **General Meeting - The Hastings Club, Hastings. 12 noon** | *(see details back page)* |
| * | **Wednesday 13th** | **Committee Meeting.** | *(The Hastings Club,6.30pm)* |
| * | **Thursday 21st** | **Hastings Bunnings Easter Family Night & MPHVC Display** | *(see details below)* |
| * | **Sunday 31st** | **Last Sunday Run - Flinders Motoring Heritage Show** | *( See details below & page 3)* |

***APRIL***

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| * | **Sunday 7th** | **Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe. 9.30am** | *(see details back page)* |
| * | **Sunday 14th** | **General Meeting - The Hastings Club, Hastings. 12 noon** | *(see details back page)* |
| * | **Wednesday 17th** | **Committee Meeting.** | *(The Hastings Club,6.30pm)* |
| * | **Sunday 28th** | **Last Sunday Run - McClelland Gallery Picnic & Walk** | *(see details below)* |

***If for any reason we need to cancel a planned event, we will endeavour to email and text those members that have email and mobile numbers listed with the club. We will also put a post on Facebook re any updates or cancellations! Please feel free to ring a Committee Member if you need to ask a question.***

# MPHVC MEMBER EVENT DETAILS

**SAVE THE DATE-** **Thursday 21st March. Bunnings Easter Family Night, 5pm to 7pm.** Bunnings, 1837 Frankston/Flinders Rd, Hastings. Please have all MPHVC cars parked for display by 4.30pm. Directions will be given on night where to park. Sausage Sizzle and drinks available to those participating members.

**SAVE THE DATE-** **Sunday 31st March. Flinders Motoring Heritage Show.** Tickets need to be purchased ASAP, ask to be in AREA B2. See details page 3. Members to meet at Baxter Tavern 8.15am ready for a 8.30am departure. BYO chairs, lunch and refreshments etc.

**SAVE THE DATE-** **Sunday 28th April. McClelland Gallery Picnic & the Eric Belcher Walk.** Details will be in April Sidelights.

# CLUB NEWSFLASH

- All members are invited to bring along any unwanted items they have in their shed or garage, to the monthly General Meeting! We are sure you all have something car/shed related you would like to exchange for $$$$$$. Put a price on it and we will have a sale table set up. You may decide that you don't have a set price in mind, or simply don't want to take it home … easy! …. Let us know and we will auction to the highest bidder. At the end of each meeting all unsold items must be taken home. If you have an item that you think will be of great interest and is too large to bring in (eg engine, wheels, gear box, bumpers ...etc) send me a photo and I will include it in the Sidelights magazine.
- We will also have a table set up for FREE items including books, and raffle prizes will continue to be awarded at General Meetings! … Gotta be there to win anything or score a bargain... See you there!
- We would love to see as many cars as possible attend the Hastings Bunnings Easter Family Night. MPHVC display vehicles need to be parked by 4.30pm. Community groups are encouraged to hold a stall to raise money through selling raffle tickets, cakes, hand made goods, or to shout out for new members to join their clubs! The last event was a great night, and many bargains were to be found in Bunnings.
- Annual Membership Fee Forms will be sent out with April Sidelights. You will notice that we are starting the reminder campaign in this issue! The VicRoads rules of contract will be adhered to re "Payment of club fee's must be by 30th June, and non membership of Red Plate members notified to VicRoads within 7 days".

**YOU DON'T WANNA BE LIKE POOR BILL !!**

- **This is poor Bill !**
- **Sorry he is not smiling for the photo..**
- **Bill had his pride and joy stolen and trashed!**
- **Unfortunately for Bill, he is not insured! They re-jected his claim!**
- **His insurance company, during their investigation, contacted his Car Club...only to find out he had forgot to pay his annual Club fees!**
- **Poor Bill! .....**

- ***Organizers have advised us to ask to be parked in Area B2 when booking tickets.***
- ***Can You please send Dawn a Message if attending so she can notify approximately how many will be going from MPHVC, for spot allocation purposes.***
- ***Members to meet at Baxter Tavern 8.15am ready for a 8.30am departure.***

## *2024 Flinders Motoring Heritage is back on Easter Sunday March 31*

**The event hosts a display of unique veteran, vintage, classic and modern motor cars, all displayed throughout the charming village of Flinders. Now in its 8th year, the number of entrants and visitors has grown with up to 200 vehicles, over 2,000 visitors and will be run again in 2024.**

## ATTENTION: CAR OWNERS

## BOOKINGS ARE OPEN FOR CAR EXHIBITORS

Entry Tickets are $25.00 per Vehicle,

Driver and Passengers are free

Display Vehicles **MUST ARRIVE** before **10:00 AM** and

**REMAIN** on site until **2:00 PM**

# 1937 ALVIS FOR SALE !

The earliest former Victoria Police car known to exist. A 1937 Alvis 4.3 litre sedan, registered 174-614, one of three used as Wireless Patrol cars until 1941, and the first police cars sold into the public market. The original four door body built in Melbourne was destroyed many years ago and later replaced by this two door Alvis body. The original engine is still in the car. The car is fully restored and now for sale.

The 4.3 was the last and best of the Alvis "Speed" models of the 1930s, being the largest car in the Alvis range, production ending only because of World War II. The 4.3 was the fastest unsupercharged car of its day, having a 4.3 litre, six cylinder engine fed by triple S.U. carburetors. Even with a saloon body the production cars were capable of a top speed of 100 miles per hour, reaching 0 – 50 mph in just 9.5 seconds.

Alvis records suggest that only 148 cars were built between 1936 and 1940, and it is believed that there are less than 50 now surviving worldwide.

In 1938, The Autocar magazine wrote of the 4.3, "in the scheme of things there are cars, good cars and super cars, the Alvis 4.3 falling definitively into the latter category". Such a super car and so well renowned was, and still is, the 4.3 that the new Alvis Car Company in England has begun manufacturing, to special, order "new" 4.3s. They are faithful to the original design and use original Works Drawings from the period. The cars retain all their traditional character and quality, with modern functionality.

The cars carry Alvis chassis numbers and engine numbers which follow on from the last in the model sequence, and so are called the Continuation Series.

This car was imported to Australia new, as a driving chassis, with the magnificent P100 headlamps and grilled radiator fitted and looking fearsome, even in its then state of undress. It became the first of three Alvis 4.3 squad cars of Victoria Police, having a body fitted by local firm Dan White Bodies, Melbourne. It is the oldest known surviving car belonging to Victoria Police, as before this car all others were dismantled after use, rather than allowed to be sold. The original body remained with the car until 1978, when the late owner purchased the car in Seymour, Victoria. The mechanicals underwent complete restoration, with new old stock original Alvis Cars Ltd head and triple S.U.s procured from Red Triangle in England in 1980 and imported to Australia for the car. The engine has recently had top end work done, with the block being honed and all new pistons fitted.

The current body for the car (only the second body it's had) is a Charlesworth coupe, removed from a shorter chassis Alvis Speed 25 of the same period, with the scuttle lengthened to fit the longer 4.3 chassis. It is now an eye-popping and outstanding example of the model, with restoration being of the utmost quality by one of the foremost vintage car restorers in the world, completed in 2009. The original sunroof mechanism comes with the car, able to be re-built and fitted if desired. An electric overdrive is also available (additional cost), which would make the car a perfect touring car for today's modern traffic and roads.

-Offers about $250,000.00.
-Carsales.com.au

*Car details and photos obtained from .....*
*-Victoria Police Historical Society– Facebook Page*
*-Carsales.com.au*
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# IAN'S DATSUN ON DISPLAY

Mornington Racecourse was the recent venue for the Aussie Classic car show. Whilst we didn't attend as a club group, a few members enjoyed the day amongst many interesting cars on show.
Thank you to Ian Hatch, who was one of these members, for sharing photos from the day. Ian's HY Datsun was one of only 2 at the show.

SWAP MEET
MALDON Vic.
SUNDAY MARCH 17th 2024
WE DO NOT STOP FOR RAIN
GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 7AM
No bookings required
Saturday setup
STALLS $25 per 6x6 metre site
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# CRUDEN FARM FESTIVAL OF MOTORING

The Festival of Motoring show was held recently at the Murdoch families Cruden Farm in Langwarrin, with all profits going to Beyond Blue.

The event is run by the AOMC, with support of the RACV and is certainly something not to be missed.

The venue, the scenery and gardens, the cars, the entertainment and food vans etc…. make it a day we all look forward to each year!

The show is open to all vehicles over 25 years old, and attracts the very best of many different makes and models.

The 2024 event was lucky to have great weather with only the early hint of a few drops of rain. Spectators and participants were certainly well catered for on the day with many food and coffee vans, entertainment and an Animal Farm for the children.

It is a great venue at Cruden Farm, with the beautiful gardens and lake to wander around. A perfect picnic destination for the general public to come and enjoy the sights and facilities, whilst viewing all the cars on show.

This year the show had 463 cars on display, 18 motorbikes and 1400 pedestrians visited for the day.

Approximately $20,000 was raised for Beyond Blue, a great achievement for the organizers and all those that participated on the day…….. Well done!

All car clubs should put this in their calendar for next year as it is a fun day. MPHVC were able to park as a group, as were many other clubs, and we had a very enjoyable day of relaxation and exploration of the many cars and clubs on display. As always, the caliber and variety of cars from across the era's was absolutely fascinating. It certainly was a trip down memory lane with some of the cars, an interesting insight into bygone days, and a great chance for interesting conversation with likeminded owners.

Roll on next year!

**www.aomc.asn.au**

**To see all information from the AOMC ….. you can simply go direct to their web site.**

**Up-coming events, minutes of Delegates meetings, newsletters and interesting articles related to the car industry in Australia.**

# CAR CARE CORNER

By Bernie Valentini — (VACC Certified SMM)

Hi all Members, Friends & Fellow car enthusiasts!

**In this months CCC, let's look some important tyre basics regardless of the age of your vehicle.**

**TYRES :** Vigilance is paramount if trouble is to be avoided. Pressures must be checked at least every time you fill the tank when it gets to no lower than QUARTER FULL. If you can't get down on knees to closely inspect tread, at least run you hand slowly and carefully around the tread to check for anything that shouldn't be there (nails glass stones screws bolts).

Don't laugh, we copped a 6 x 1/2 inch bolt in our Prado recently on a trip to Mildura! Luckily it stayed in there till we got to a tyre service some 50 kms away!
(Tradies- : please ensure no loose bits floating about in your tray that find their way out onto the road causing no end of grief and expense for your colleagues and the rest of us)
Anytime you can, even cursory looks at Tyre Sidewalls can be of great benefit.
Cracks or bulges can develop ANYTIME even on new tyres! Even the inside walls aren't immune from these faults occurring!
"Feel" for OUT OF ROUNDNESS too when caressing your Treads.
Keep an eye on tread DEPTH.
SEE if treads display signs of UNEVEN WEAR.
Whenever in the slightest doubt, don't ignore it! Get to your Mechanic or Tyre Service and have your doubts confirmed or put to rest.
To ignore is to tempt fate…. "Remember Murphys Law"
If you see "Feathering" or any other irregular wear pattern of the tread, this is warning you of FAULTY ALIGNMENT which may in turn be caused by worn out or loose components such as Ball Joints, Control Arm Bushes, Tie Rod Ends, Rack Ends, Pitman or Idler Arms, etc. .....all RWC items……. and potentially a fatal disaster waiting to happen.

**Cheers and happy motoring….**

**Bernie Valentini**
**(Certified VACCSMM & VicRoads Vehicle Examiner)**

# MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB

## Minutes of the General Meeting 11/02/2024.

## The Hastings Club, Hastings.

**Chair:** Chris Warwick.
**Minute taker:** Dawn Etcell.
**Attendance and Apologies**: Jo Vetesi, Warren and Carol Hoult, Don Kusel, Stephen and Cathy Rand, Len & Glenda Butcher.
**Visitor/New Member Welcome:** Alita & Barry Clarke (Dodge Phoenix). Tom Murchie & Cheryl Gebhart.(Jantzen Interceptors)
**Minutes of last General meeting:**
Moved - Wayne Etcell. Second - Ray Griffin.
**Secretary's Report:** -Nil
**Treasurer's Report:** -Nil
**Membership Report:** - Nil
**Editors Correspondence Report:**
Usual magazines from other car clubs. Notification of various swap meets to go in Sidelights. One new membership enquiries. Federation delegate meeting dates. Email from Moorabbin Air Museum. Email from Gavin Corn with photos of Cruden Farm. Email from Alan Saunders re Federation report.
**AOMC Report:** -Nil
**Federation Report:** -Nil
**Memorabilia:** - Colin mentioned items available.
**Past Events:** - No comments
**Future Events:**
-Wayne reminded members to book for the Flinders car show and to ask to book in Area B2.
-Dawn mentioned we should do a picnic at McClelland Gallery and do the Eric Belcher Walk. She has rang them and they are happy for us to park cars to display in main driveway instead of carpark, so the cars are on show. Free for Frankston residents.
**General Business:**

- Dawn mentioned briefly what they thought of their recent Virgin Cruise, and the shock of how different it was to normal cruises.
- Ray told of his great finds at the recent Berwick Swap Meet.
- Deb Seward spoke of the Bushmans Rally held in Broken Hill.
- Ray Griffin mentioned a friend with a Rover for sale.
- Chris read a thankyou card from Tess.
- There was one table with free books.
- One table with items for sale, mainly books.
- Eddies had chocolates for sale.
- Tess brought in boxes of tomatoes from her garden for members to take.

**Show and Tell :** Nil
**Meeting Closed:** 12.32.

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# OUR CLUB

The Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club Incorporated was founded in 1969 as a Family Social Club, aimed at assisting in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of historic vehicles, stationary engines and other mechanical memorabilia more than 25 years old. Particular emphasis is on veteran, vintage and classic eras together with later vehicles of interest. The MPHVC will also endeavour to assist local non-profit clubs and organizations by participating in their events when invited.
Please address any correspondence to:

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Federation Delegate: — Alan Saunders

*- Preferred method of Red Plate Permit renewal signatory authorization, is to be done at a monthly General Meeting. Alternatively, post to Club and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.*

*- New vehicles, to be submitted for registry with MPHVC, must be approved via Safety Officer before VicRoads paperwork is signed.*

***MPHVC Inc.***
***PO Box 7056,***
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# MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

## *FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*
## *Breakfast Run.*

Meeting 9.30am at Pelikan Societe Café. Located next to the Hastings pier. 2 Marine Parade, Hastings. Full breakfast, toasted sandwiches or just coffee and muffins etc available. Indoor or outdoor seating available to choose from depending on seasons.

## *SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*
## *General Meeting & lunch.*

*Meeting place:* The Hastings Club.
*Where:* 155 Marine Parade, Hastings. 59 791740
*When:* 2nd Sunday of every month at 12pm.
Our monthly General Meeting for members, guests and potential new members.
The meeting commences at 12noon followed by lunch at approximately 1pm, for those that wish to stay. Please order your meal before commencement of meeting, stating your name and that you are with MPHVC.

## *LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*
## *End Of Month Sunday Run.*

Meet prior to 10am Baxter Tavern, depart 10am.
Destination planned on the day amongst those members that are present, or prior as printed in Sidelights.
BYO refreshments and chair. Alternatively we may end up at a café. Weather and numbers present on day will help decide where we end up! Members encouraged to suggest destinations for future months.

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Wednesday after the General Meeting at The Hastings Club. 155 Marine Parade, Hastings. 59 791740.
Meeting starts 6.30pm, followed by dinner for those that wish to stay. Please order meal before commencement of 6.30 meeting.

# CLUB NEWSLETTER "SIDELIGHTS"

Help to make Sidelights a success by contributing material you consider will be of interest to fellow Club Members.
The deadline for material to appear in the next issue of Sidelights is the 20th of each month. Where possible, e-mail material to the Editor at mphvc.sidelights@yahoo.com.au
Email photographs in 'jpeg' format to the Editor's email address above.

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