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Friday 18th April
To
Monday 21st April



At the going down of the sun and in the
morning
We will remember them

ANZAC DAY

The text "ANZAC DAY" is written in a large, bold, red serif font. A laurel wreath is draped over the bottom right of the text.

Lest We Forget



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Running Board News



G'day Members. April has started with the Club buzzing with activity and plenty to report involving a large number of our Club Members. My thanks in advance to all involved.

HMVC Facebook has a new Administrator thanks to **Ian Mc Kinnon** stepping in with support from **Andy Moffett**. Also, a warm welcome to our new authorized Club Assistant Registrar **Glen Rowland**.

Special thanks to **Wayne Wood** for his involvement and duty of care as Magazine Editor. He has unfortunately had to step down until his and family health issues are resolved.

Thanks to the Members who have given up the Middleton Coffee 'n Cars Run to help out with the Singer Club morning tea at the Clubrooms and marshalling cars at Warland Reserve.

Please take time to check out the Coming Events on Pages 3 and 4 as our Events Team has been extremely busy putting an exciting calendar of events together for all of us. For example, plans for our next Rock n Roll Festival are in place with all interested parties.

Nice to see **Marjorie Rowley** on the mend and back in charge of Club Clobber. On the other hand, a sad day for the Club on the recent death of **Ray Bradley**. He set up suppers at Willunga and Sellicks Beach for many years and played an active role in the many Rock n Roll starts at Mc Laren Vale.

Yours in happy and safe motoring **Steve Hall**

PRESIDENT

ON THE FRONT COVER: At All British Day at Echunga on Sunday 2nd March 2025, with the HMVC cars on display. From Left: Roly Bartlett's 1947 ALVIS TA14 and 1933 CROSSLEY 10 with John Taylor's JAGUAR MkV.

2025 CLUB MEETINGS AND DUE DATES

VICTOR HARBOR CLUBROOMS

GENERAL MEETINGS - held in HMVC Clubrooms from 7:00pm—the first Thursday of the month.

No January Meeting	6th February	6th March	3rd April
1st May	5th June	3rd July	7th August
4th September	2nd October	6th November	4th December

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - held in HMVC Clubrooms from 10:00am—last Thursday of the month.

30th January	27th February	27th March	24th April
29th May	26th June	31st July	28th August
25th September	30th October	27th November	December TBA

NEWSLETTER NIGHTS - held on the following Thursdays at the HMVC Clubrooms at TBA.

Not in January	13th February	13th March	10th April
8th May	12th June	10th July	14th August
11th September	9th October	13th November	11th December

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ITEMS - is midnight on the first Saturdays after General Meetings.

Not in January	8th February	8th March	5th April
3rd May	7th June	5th July	9th August
6th September	4th October	8th November	6th December

COMING EVENTS CARS 'N COFFEE MOTORBIKE RIDES

EVENTS COORDINATION TEAM CONVENED BY ANDREW NICHOLLS

Ron Cook, Kym Guerin, Chris Rowley, Marj Rowley,
Fiona Smitham, Michael Smitham, Martin Thornhill

Please note that, unless otherwise stated, all bookings when required are to be made through
Jan Dunk phone/message **0408 897 237** or email treasurer@hmvc.org.au

MAY 1st (Friday) GENERAL MEETING Number 600 – There will be a DVD/Slide show of the Official Opening of the new HMVC Hall, 17 years ago (May 2008). Members Doug Hill and, (if available), Bill Ellis will speak briefly about the occasion.

APRIL 13th (Sunday) RUN THROUGH THE FLEURIEU – Come for a Sunday Drive on our beautiful Fleurieu roads, ending at Mount Compass for lunch. Meet at Encounter Bay Oval at 10.00am for a 10.30 departure. Cut off date for lunch booking has passed but a nice Run nevertheless. **Rob Makin** on **0416 311 846**.

APRIL 24th (Thursday) MOTORBIKE Ride – via Tour of Goolwa Airport to ASHBOURNE
Details on Page 4 (Opposite) Cut off: **Doug Hill** on **8555 5841** by Sunday 20th April.

MAY 6th (Tuesday) VISIT WEST PARK AGED CARE FACILITY, Goolwa – A dozen Club cars wanted. Meet at Clubrooms 10.00am. BBQ Lunch provided by West Park. To join in, please call **Andrew Nicholls** on **0416 399 600**.

MAY 8th (Thursday) Run to Kip Newbold's house for Shed tour as well as Run to Bob Suba's Military Museum, Port Elliott. Due to lack of parking the visits will be split into two groups. One Group in the Morning. One Group in the Afternoon after lunch.
Meet at Clubrooms at 10.30am. Bring a "Running Board Lunch". Book with Jan Dunk.

MAY 13th (Tuesday) CARS n COFFEE – BELLICIOUS GLACIER ROCK 9:30 – 10:00am
Bookings Essential. Cut off date Saturday 10th May.

JUNE 10th (Tuesday) CARS n COFFEE – FINNISS GENERAL STORE 9:30 – 10:00am.
Cut off date Saturday 7th June.

~~**JUNE 19th (Thursday) RUN to Birdwood Motor Museum for tour and lunch.**~~ **This Run has been cancelled. A substitute will be advised by the Events Team Convenor.**

JULY 8th (Tuesday) CARS n COFFEE – CROWN HOTEL 9:30 – 10:00am. Bookings essential.
Cut off date Saturday 5th July.

JULY 27th (Sunday) OBSERVATION RUN to Milang. **Michael Smitham** to organise.

"Good things come
to those who wait"



Or:

"Patience is a virtue
at The Bend"

INVITATIONAL AND OTHER EVENTS

from various sources

SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025 **Waikerie Show and Shine** 9.00am until 2.00pm
Contact Gini on **0419 660 591** or at waikerieshowshine@gmail.com

SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025 **OLD CROCK'S RUN**
8.00am to 11.00am in Hutt Street, Adelaide then until 2.30pm at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg
No charge for spectators. sportingcarclub.com.au

SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2025 **SA HISTORY MONTH** **"Travel Through Life"**
Strathalbyn Tourism Association on Strathalbyn Oval. Exhibitors from 8.30am. Public \$5.00 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. (U-12 free). "Inviting organisations to participate that restore and value old vehicles, motor bikes, machinery, as well as working draught horses and carriage horses plus people who practice timeless crafts".
Contact Norma Keily on **0416 173 573** or at officestrathtourism@gmail.com.

UNTIL SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2025 **"Rear Vision: The Holden Collection".**
At the State Library. Guided tours or just visit.

FRIDAY 12TH TO MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 **47TH SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING**
Victor Harbor. Paul Heuer: **0417 458 736** or at one of the email addresses below.
greenbeam63@gmail.com / president@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au

FRIDAY 19TH TO SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 **ROCK N ROLL FESTIVAL**
Work has begun. "Watch this Space", as they say.

FOR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC MOTORCYCLISTS

THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2025 **Ride via Guided Tour of Goolwa Airport**

We will meet again at the Middleton Tavern Car Park at 9.30am for a 10.00am departure, turning carefully on to the busy Goolwa Road and then Airport Road.

This time we will stop at the Airport for a guided tour of the facilities and interesting aircraft at this large establishment.

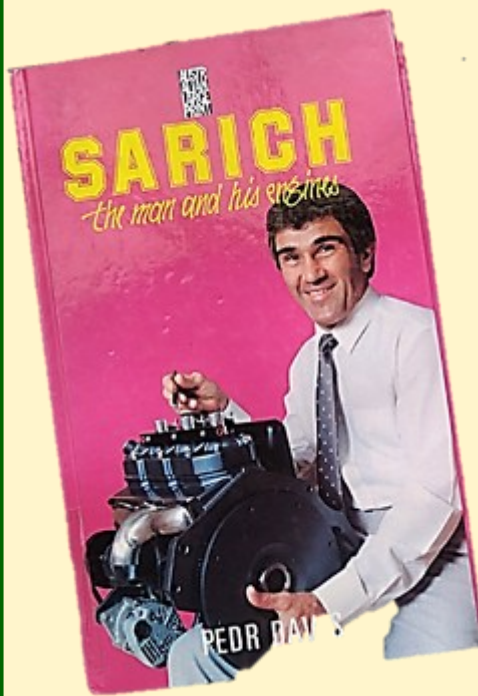
After the tour we will go back to the Strathalbyn Road to turn left into Bull Creek Road to Ashbourne, where we will have lunch at the Greenman Inn.

please call Doug Hill on 8555 5841 by the 20th April
so bookings can be made.



Swap Meets (etc) around SA and elsewhere

For useful information about Swap Meets refer to www.bevenyoung.com.au



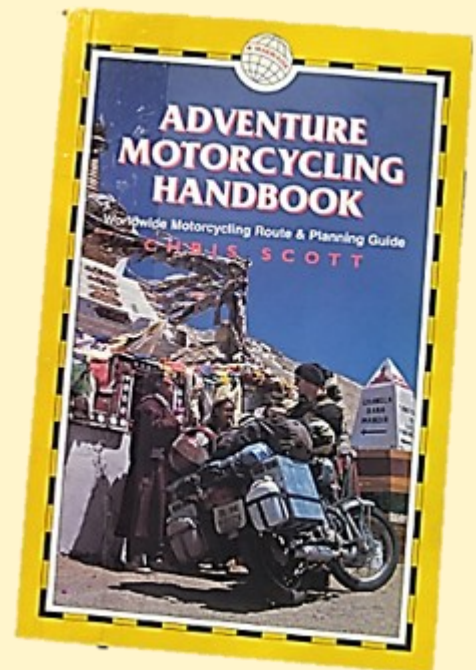
THANKS to the continuing generosity of Club Members, the Library has a number of very interesting items to review. Two such were mentioned at the February General Meeting, and I can now advise that they are available for loan. The first, is an 'expose' on the inventor, Paul Sarich, and his ground-breaking (*at that time*) 'Orbital motor', by well known and respected automobile enthusiast, Pedr Davis. The motor, as fitted to vehicles produced in the 1970's-80's, produced some exciting possibilities. Readers will ask, then, what went wrong and why wasn't the motor adopted by the car builders at the time? The book doesn't offer reasons but argues that the concept, as tested, opened a rare opportunity for a local manufacturer to produce a vehicle, at least motor-wise, far ahead of its competition. Judge for yourself!

DAVIS, Pedr. SARICH, the man and his engines.
On the Display Shelf now, then later in the Library at **92/SAR**.

Another book which will appeal especially to the motor cycling Members is the 'Adventure Motorcycling Handbook'. Any owner/rider considering a

longish overseas trans-continental m/c tour must read this book! It clearly recommends what to take and what to leave behind, pre-trip medical vaccinations, the all-important documentation to be carried at all times, how to deal with various border officials, where to seek assistance (*country by country*), and a wealth of hard-won practical advice! Even if you are an arm-chair m/c traveller, you will love this book.

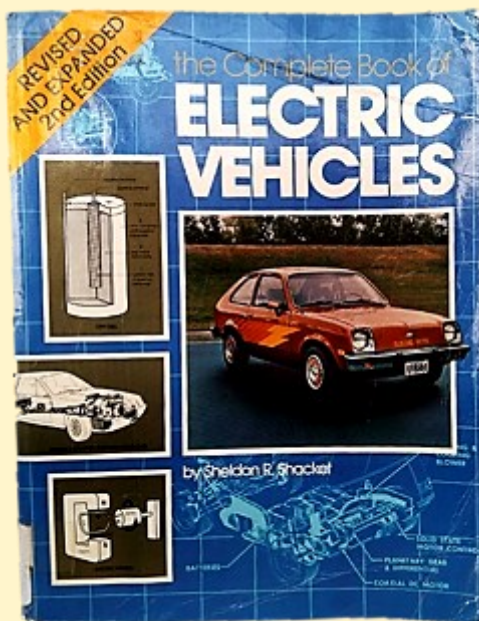
SCOTT, Chris. Adventure Motorcycling Handbook.
On the Display Shelf now, then later in the Library at **629.2275/SCO**.



Finally, a book which may appeal to those 'vaguely' interested in building an electric car! It looks at the vast history of the electric-powered vehicles, (*then, mainly by lead-acid batteries*), and what had been achieved at the time of publication. But it does illustrate that many older cars can be transformed and powered, economically, by electricity. Sure, a lot has happened since this book was published but it still serves as an introduction to the ever-changing EV world!

SHACKET, Sheldon R. The Complete book of Electric Vehicles. (2nd revised Edition)

On the Display Shelf, then later in the Library at **f/629.22/SHA**



Leigh Blachet

HMVC LIBRARY CO-ORDINATOR

Members interested in borrowing these, or other items of interest, are invited to visit the Club Library prior to the commencement of a General Meeting, or immediately following a Meeting's conclusion.

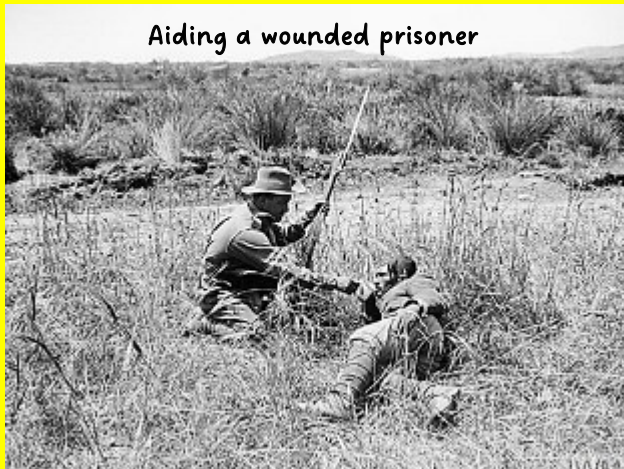
The Club's Library opens on Meeting nights at 6.00 pm.

ANZAC DAY

Friday 25th April 2025

Gallipoli

Aiding a wounded prisoner

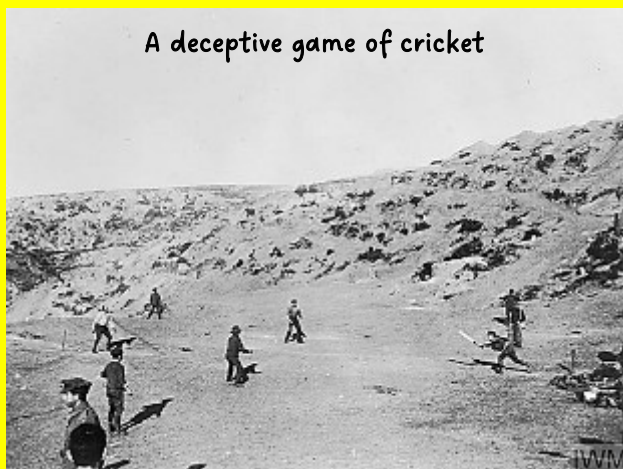


An Australian infantryman gives a drink to a wounded Turkish soldier during the Gallipoli Campaign, 1915.

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Pictures from the U.K.
Imperial War Museum

A deceptive game of cricket



Allied troops in the only cricket game played on the peninsula during the campaign. An attempt to distract the Turks from the imminent departure of Allied troops.'

[© IWM \(HU 53370\)](#)

"The Anzac legacy is not reflected in a single individual nor a single event. Instead it is the sum of thousands of stories."

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley,
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Anzac Day 2022

1st Light Car Patrol



From Left: MINERVA, MERCEDES and DAIMLER with a motorbike outfit.
The cars were later replaced by FORDs, which proved more suitable.

Britain's declaration of War on Germany on 1st August 1914 automatically dragged all of its dominions, colonies and protectorates into the War.

A group of Melbourne motoring enthusiasts donated cars for the newly formed, (15th August 1914), 1st Australian Imperial Force, (AIF).

They and their cars became the 1st Light Car Patrol in June 1916, designated as the 1st Armoured Car Section.

The cars were a 50hp DAIMLER, a 60hp MERCEDES and a 60hp. MINERVA; and they sailed on 20th June 1916, bound for Egypt.

VALENTINE'S DAY RUN AND DINNER

Friday 14th February 2025

Thanks to all the Members who attended our Valentine's Day Run. Fifty club lovebirds met at the Clubrooms and were greeted by Michael and Fiona with a Valentine's gift bag and a set of cryptic instructions for our route to Whalers Inn.

Unfortunately, my navigator is unfamiliar with the streets of Victor Harbor. This resulted in a few wrong turns. We therefore decided to follow another Club Member—only to find that he was just as lost as us!

Finally arriving at Whalers Inn, we were treated to a delicious meal and the good company of Club Members.



A Special Thank You to the staff of "Whalers"; and to the Members who brought their Club cars along.

WORDS AND PICTURES BY
Andrew Nicholls
ON BEHALF OF THE EVENTS TEAM

MOTORBIKES to Meadows

Thursday 27th February 2025

It was a perfect day for a bike ride and the weather Gods we're smiling on us when twelve HMVC members on their shiny two-wheel machines gathered at the information bay in Goolwa.

The first part of our ride was to the Finnis General Store for coffee. From there, eleven of us carried on to Milang after Colin Francis returned to Victor Harbor. From Milang we travelled along Nine Mile Road to Strathalbyn for a brief stop at the Railway Station. Unfortunately, David Gratton's bike developed a rear flat tyre and had to drop out of the Run—a bike rider's worst enemy. Leaving Strathalbyn we carried on to Meadows, via Paris Creek Road, where we had lunch at the Meadows Hotel.

After lunch, with full bellies and rested up, we all made our way home.

Thanks Guys, for a good turnout.



Ray Neal

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Barry Lowe	YAMAHA
Ray Neal	YAMAHA
Kip Newbold	HARLEY DAVIDSON
Merv Mortimer	ENFIELD
Doug Hill	ROYAL ENFIELD
David Nixon	BMW
David Gratton	DUCATI
Colin Mudge	YAMAHA
Rien Gerritsen	DOUGLAS
Colin Francis	YAMAHA
Matt Collins	TRIUMPH
Mike Gilbertson	KTM

FOOTNOTE

I was on the Run but suffered a rear flat tyre progressively deflating from Finnis to un-ridable at Strathalbyn. The bike had to be left with a garage in Strathalbyn whilst a replacement tyre was sourced from Adelaide. (No spare tyres on these darn bikes!) Fortunately **Bob Durant** happened to be in Strathalbyn at the time so very kindly took me pillion to his house and then drove me to my house in Yankalilla. I want to again thank Bob for being so generous as to help a fellow bike rider. His only comment "that's what mates do".

David Gratton

ALL BRITISH DAY

ECHUNGA OVALS

Sunday 2nd March 2025



Historic Motor Vehicles Club Cars on Display

The weather didn't look good as I rugged up and headed to Echunga in my **TRIUMPH TR8** with the top down. Not a lot of traffic as usual for a Sunday morning at 8.15 and as I passed through Mt Compass I noticed it had rained quite heavily earlier. (Not unusual for this place.)

The drive was uneventful through to Meadows where I saw the first British vehicle heading to All British Day. Soon I passed the **MGB** and was on my way to the Echunga Ovals turn off. It was usually a bottleneck, but arriving earlier than I had in other years I drove through almost without stopping—right up to the Gate A entrance.

After driving around the edge of the Oval, I was directed to the designated row by a marshal, none other than our Club Secretary, Steve. Arriving at the HMVC site, John Taylor had his **MkV JAGUAR** and '33 **CROSSLEY 10** parked leading the display. Next to him was Roly Bartlett's '47 **ALVIS TA14** drophead, then Clive Lane with his '76 **TRIUMPH Dolomite Sprint**. I parked alongside him and helped set up the HMVC flag which he so generously picked up at the Clubrooms and took with him.

Soon Jack and Margaret Winston arrived in their 65 **MORRIS Mini Deluxe** and parked next, followed by Martin and Gill Thornhill in their '66 **MkII JAGUAR**, and John Reid in his **RANGE ROVER HSE Sport**. The next and last of the club cars to arrive were Ron Millard in his '63 **VAUXHALL Victor** and Peter Blesing with his '54 **AUSTIN A70 Hereford** Ute.

The roll up was disappointing as 15 members had booked in so the Club had a large area; but only 10 showed up. (**Editor's Note:** The Editor was the 11th. The **AUSTIN** failed to proceed so the **FORD Prefect** was pressed into service but arrived late and was parked with a swish **BENTLEY**. See page 14.)

The display of vehicles, bikes, trucks, tractors, caravans and boats was spectacular as always. The weather featured some brief raindrops, sunshine and clouds; but didn't detract huge crowds of people from viewing the displays.

As the time approached 3.00pm, everyone was packed up ready to go. I waited a while, and by 3.20 only a few vehicles remained. My drive home was much slower than my drive in the morning, with many older vehicles ahead.

WORDS AND PICTURES BY:

Jeff Farmer

RUN TO "THE BEND"

Saturday 8th March 2025

Thanks to all the Club Members who braved the heat and attended the "Lunch and Laps" at the Tailem Bend Motorsport Park. After meeting at Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend, twenty seven vehicles and fifty one entrants proceeded to The Bend for the 11.30am drivers' briefing and signing in.

Thanks to our Host Martien, we were allowed four laps of the larger course with a bit more freedom regarding speed and overtaking on the straight. Much fun was had as cars that were slower in the corners proved hard to pass as they accelerated hard down the straight! The Bend track is very smooth with a lot of off-camber corners testing the handling of the cars and capability of the drivers.

After the laps, we headed upstairs for a welcome lunch and cool drink, handled very efficiently by The Bend staff. Awards were then presented for the day's best in class.

Best American car went to Fiona Smitham for wrestling her **CADILLAC** around the track. Best British car to Andy Moffett in his **Cortina** for not being able to pass the CADILLAC. Best European car to Bruce McAndie in his **BMW Z4**. Best Aussie car to Michael Adams in his well-restored **Torana**. Best Japanese car went to Malc and Jennie Haythorpe's **NISSAN 300ZX**. Lastly the award for slowest lap was given and accepted in good humour by Kym Guerin after he admitted he could have gone faster but was saving the **PONTIAC Trans-Am** for the trip home!

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
Some of the
Members;
Meeting in the Town;
Cornering under
Caddy;
Coffee time;
Andy Moffett with
FORD Cortina GT



WORDS:
Andy Moffett
PICTURES:
Brett Moffett



CARS 'n COFFEE at Beck's Bakehouse

Tuesday 11th March 2025



HMVC Members descended upon Beck's Bakehouse, Port Noarlunga; one of the best bakeries on the Fleurieu.

The weather was much kinder to us today, as yesterday wasn't very pleasant, and everybody enjoyed the delicious cakes and coffee. We were all seated in the outdoor area, having relaxed and pleasant conversations.

A Most enjoyable morning was had by all. I hope to see you at the next one.



PICTURES BY
JEFF



WORDS BY: *Jan Dunk*



MOTORBIKES to Myponga

Thursday 27th March 2025

Four Motorcyclists met in the Car Park of the Middleton Tavern in perfect weather conditions. After the usual tall-story telling, we departed down Goolwa Road, via Airport Road and on to Mount Compass.

There we stopped for morning tea at 'Harvest the Fleurieu'. All four of us partook the excellent blueberry muffins on offer. (Half of our group had never been there before.)

Suitably fortified, we continued on to Pages Flat Road ... a great motorcycle road with well-cambered sweepers laid on.

Our lunch was at the Myponga Bakery.



Ray Neal
YAMAHA

David Nixon
BMW

Mick Martin
ARIEL

Doug Hill
ROYAL ENFIELD



NEXT RUN
Thursday 24th April



WORDS: Doug Hill
PICTURES: Mick Martin



BACK WORDS - From Paul Murrell

The background to car badges



Audi

The Audi badge of four rings symbolically represents the four companies that merged in 1932 in the Saxony region of Germany to form Auto Union AG. The four were Audi, DKW, Horch (pronounced “Hawk”) and Wanderer.

The roots of Audi stretch back to 1899 when August Horch founded A. Horch & Cie in Cologne. When he left to start his own company, due to copyright issues he couldn’t use his own name so he opted for “Audi”, the Latin translation of “Horch”, meaning “to listen”.



Before World War II, the badge was only used on Auto Union racing cars, while the member companies continued to use their own names and emblems. Each ring has a different meaning: Audi’s represents progress and innovation; DKW is about ingenuity; Horch represents luxury; and Wanderer embodies the spirit of exploration. (*Sounds like a graphic designer’s explanation to me!*) The company is now based in Ingolstadt, Bavaria and is a subsidiary of Volkswagen.

“No longer another glorious Australian failure” ...

I was reading a copy of *Classic and Sports Car* from the early 2000s—I really don’t like the term “the noughties”—and had to laugh when the Leyland Force 7 Coupé was quoted as “no longer seen as just another glorious failure – like Gallipoli”. A reader wrote in and declared that nearly all Australian automotive failures were either English, or English-derived. He then explained that his parents always carried a can of WD-40 in BMC front-wheel drive vehicles; Triumphs were the victims of a disastrous fuel injection system; and Jaguars would begin to rust after a year. The Leyland P76 and Force 7 Coupé had significant potential, ruined by under-capitalisation and disastrous industrial relations. And perhaps someone should point out that the Gallipoli farce was the result of decisions made far from Australia—and by people who weren’t Australian!

Another forgotten marque

So many car brands have come and gone that a friend and I love playing a game where we try and think of as many, (and the more obscure the better), brands starting with each letter of the alphabet. One that disappeared in 1962 was the Grégoire company, based in Asnières in the Seine region of France. It wasn’t a long history, having started when visionary engineer Jean Albert Grégoire started the company just after World War II. Output included a lightweight concept taking the chassis from the Amilcar to produce an all-aluminium small saloon which evolved into the Panhard Dyna, the front-wheel drive Hotchkiss-Grégoire, (with a 60bhp two-litre flat four), and a gas turbine concept with electro-magnetic transmission brake and a supercharged two-litre GT in 1956 (*at right*), of which only a few sold. The company folded, but Jean Albert went on to build a front-wheel drive electric car in the 70s.



Editor’s Note:

Automobile Grégoire, 1902–1924, established by Pierre Joseph Grégoire, built cars like this 1909 Raceabout. He and Jean Albert were not related.

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Readers are encouraged to agree, disagree or express contrary points of view in writing to the Editor at any time.

BITS and PIECES



Replica (British?) Viking ship



The Editor parked behind the BENTLEY

SEEN AT THE BEND (below):
Some of the cars in the "Lunch and Laps" Run
around the track

NOT SEEN AT THE BEND:
This 1920 FORD *Model T Speedster* built for racing in the
Red Dust Revival events held on Lake Perkolilli, WA



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1946 Buick Straight Eight. **Steve Hall Ph: 0418 826 028**

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Caravan, circa 1970. Restored 10 years ago. Electric brakes. Air-conditioning. Microvave.
 3-way fridge. Has travelled to Perth, Melbourne twice.
 Single axle. Holden Wheels. 15ft.
 Reasonable offer wanted. **John Taylor 0408 835 082**

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Car cover, new, only used once on my TRIUMPH TR8, and found it doesn't fit, slightly too short in length. Would suit an MGB or smaller vehicle. Grey in colour, elastic edge, looks to be water-proof, but is basically an indoor cover. \$25 ono. **Jeff Farmer: 0408 897 018**

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1977 LEYLAND *Mini* Windowless Panel Van. Has been stored for many years so is not running but is complete. Good original condition. One owner. 72,403 original kilometres.
 Has 3 month's registration. \$10,000 negotiable. **Claudine: 0410 335 072**

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WANTED

Camper Trailer 6 x 4 in good condition.
Tony: 0419 999 312

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Trailer Axle and Wheels 12 or 13 inch. For a small trailer.
John Taylor: 0408 835 082

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John Rogers: 0466 892 433

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Ladies Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$33.00
Men's Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$33.00
Jacket - Unisex - All sizes	\$83.00



Run Attendees

RUN TO THE "BEND" SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025

NAME(S)	VEHICLE
Michael Adams	Torana
Michael & Fiona Smitham with Rob & Vanessa Verco	Cadillac
Malc & Jeny Haythorpe	Nissan 300ZX
Adrian & Chris Sier	335 BMW
Marilyn & Mervyn Hunt	Aston Martin Rapide
Reece & Mark Miller with Heather Cass & Lochie Foxwell	Ford Mustang
Barry & Cheryl Lowe	Corvette
Stephen Langridge with Kathleen McKenzie	Subaru BRZ
Leanne & Kym Guerin	Trans-Am Pontiac
Jenny & David Smallacombe	Mitsubishi Eclipse
Ruth & Peter Blesing	1966 Ford Mustang
Louise & Andrew Nicholls	BMW Z4
Ben Langdon & Rob Makin	VW Golf
Kylie & Michael Pitt	Holden Ute
Bruce McAndie	BMW Z4
John Reid & Martin Thornhill	MK2 Jaguar
Michael & Kelsey Adams	1972 Torana
Andy Moffett	1964 Ford Cortina GT
Grahan & Judith Williams	Hyundai Santa Fe
Tony & Nathan Brown	Tickford GT Mustang
Peter & Janeen Newton	1972 Ford Mustang
Greg Ellers	Com'dore Cross 8 Ute
Roger Ellers & Joanne Ward	BMW 225

CARS 'N COFFEE BECK'S BAKEHOUSE TUES. 11TH MAR.2025

Deidre Solly	Datsun 120Y
Bob & Elaine Sellar	Alfa Romeo G.T.V
Leigh & Christine Blacket	Isuzu Bellett 67
David & Joy Nixon	MG ZR
David Gratton & Jacqui Beall	MGB Roadster
Bill & Margaret Ellis	1962 Valiant
Doug Sweetman	Holden
Richard & Heather Dutton	Holden Kingswood
Kip & Lynne Newbold	1975 Falcon XBG
Rhys Constable	Porsche 911
John Taylor	Suzuki Kizashi
Rosalie Donaldson	Modern
John & Carol Rogers	Modern
Peter Mathews	Modern
Neville & Lorraine Merritt	Modern
Kevin & Colleen Griggs	Modern
Jan Dunk & Jeff Farmer	Modern

EDITORIAL

I appreciate being given the opportunity to contribute to the Club as Editor of *Steering Column*. Unfortunately, at least for the time being, my physical health prevents me from continuing in the role; but I will remain a Member of the Club.

Wayne Wood

VALENTINE'S DAY FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

NAME(S)	VEHICLE
Andrew Nicholls & Louise	Triumph TR4
Doug & Vivienne Hill	1990 VW Golf
Michael & Fiona Smitham	Cadillac 59
Rob & Vicki Wood	Mercedes C220
David & Heath Dod	Dodge
Sandy & Paul Murrell	Kia Carnival
David Gratton & Jacqui Beall	1979 MGB
Ron & Joanne Cook	Torana
Martin & Gill Thornhill	Jaguar Mk II
Deidre Solly	Austin A35
David & Helen Goodall	Honda TRX
Ron Millard	Vauxhall Viva
Kip & Lynne Newbold	GT Falcon
Doug Sweetman	HT Holden _
Malc & Jenny Haythorpe	Volks Beetle
Peter Jones & Bev, Peter & Vicki	Merc CLS 350
John & Penny Hutton	1968 Mini DLX
Bob & Elaine Sellar	Mercedes 79 SLC
Peter & Ann Krichauff	Audi
Kym & Leanne Guerin	Trans Am
Dawie & Steph Nell with Marty & Sarak Jak	Mercedes 250 CE
Stephen Spong & Barbara Harrington	MGB GT
Marj & Chris Rowley	Toyota Cressida
Merv & Lyn Mortimer	RR Corniche
Barry & Cheryl Lowe	Corvette Stingray

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

None Reported to Editor

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Travel Through Time

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General Meeting (599) Minutes - 3rd April 2025

Meeting No: 599

Held on: 3rd April 2025 at the HMVC Clubrooms, Jolly St., Victor Harbor. -
Meeting Started: 07.02pm

Opening: The meeting was opened by the President Mr. Steve Hall and included, building safety procedures, Buy/sell book in Mobile phones to be turned off, the Attendance Register to be completed by all present.

Apologies: Meg & Ray Klecko, Kym Guerin, Ron Cook.

Visitors: Rob Brumfield, David & Regine Kain.

Minutes of General Meeting No 598: Held on Thursday 6th March 2024.

No discussion from the floor. Motion to accept the previous minutes proposed by: Malc Haythorpe, Seconded by: Leigh Blacket. Motion Approved.

President's Report: (Steve Hall).

1. Club Documentation: Meg Klecko is currently undertaking a Club documentation review. Albeit her and Ray are stepping back from active Club activities, she will however continue with this documentation review and Ray will continue in assisting with conditional Registrations. The Standing Orders have been amended to clarify the reimbursement of inspector travels costs to be submitted at least biannually. **2. ATO Changes & Club Finances:** A registered letter has been sent to the ATO covering the HMVC's "Not for Profit Company Non-Lodgement Advice." All as approved by the Members at the 6th March General Meeting. As a part of the Club's current updating of their finance software system, advice has been sought regarding updating membership payment methods, and to address the ATO's taxable and non-taxable treatment of Club finances. A bill of \$500 has been received for this advice and paid as reasonable. **3. Insurances:** As confirmed with our insurer, our current insurance conditions to remain for the current period. No response received from The Federation's proposed insurer. **4. Facebook:** The Club currently still has no one to run its Facebook Site and a further call was made for a volunteer. There was again no support from the floor. Andy Moffett explained that the Club's Facebook had been created to allow members to post sundry articles, run details and photos etc. for others to see. This could still be done by individuals but ideally someone was required to coordinate and manage the "Page", with the hope of an exposure to a younger generation. Anyone interested should speak to Andy, or indeed any committee member. **5. Electoral Commission:** The Club has been approached by the Electoral Commission to use the hall on voting day at the forthcoming General Election. The Club has submitted a price to the Commission and a response is awaited. **6. The Editor:** Due to health issues, Wayne's last magazine for some time will be the April issue, hence the Club is looking for a volunteer who knows Publisher. A laptop will be provided. In the interim, Jeff Farmer has agreed to step in as editor. **7. Show & Shine:** Steve Hall advised that the Club is considering running a Show and Shine next year, around March/April when the Encounter Oval would be available, other car clubs could also be invited. As such he called for a show of hands for those in favour of such an event. Given there was no response from the floor, the idea will not be pursued. **8. Death of Ray Bradley:** John Taylor spoke about Ray Bradley who died in recently after medical issues including diabetes and dementia, aged only in his early 70's. Ray had been a regular supporter of the HMVC and often helped with meeting suppers. His funeral will be on 13th April at the West Beach Sailing Club. **9. Tonight's Talk** Tonight's talk will be by Des Wallace, a retired train driver.

Treasurer's Report: Malc Haythorpe gave an overview of the Club's financial position. **Accounting Software:** The Club's accounting software programme is currently being reviewed with an external party to upgrade. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report proposed by: Wayne Wood, Seconded by: Andrew Nicholls. Motion Approved.

Secretary's Report: (Steve Spong)

Correspondence In: 1. Sunbeam Club; Email from the Sunbeam Club re their visit to Victor in September 2025, plus an invite to all to view cars at Warland reserve. 2. Email from Early Ford V8 Club of SA re proposed visit to HMVC Club Rooms on 1st May 2026 for registration of entrants for their National Meeting in Victor Harbor, the Committee will review. 3. State Library email and flyer re their "Rear Vision – The Holden Collection" exhibition from 28 Feb to 22 June. The Flyer is in library. 4. Advice received from Preventative Health SA re a grants programme for AED's. We have written to them to see if we are eligible for a second portable device for external events, but they have advised their programme is only for fixed devices, which are also registered with the Ambulance Service. 5. Confirmatory Email from LCIS that our current cover will remain unchanged until 31st October 2025, being in response to Malc Haythorpe's email. 6. Correspondence from the Advertiser regarding their compilation of a list of rare vehicles, as emailed out by Andy Moffett to all members. Nominations are now closed and we await their findings.

list of rare vehicles, as emailed out by Andy Moffett to all members. Nominations are now closed and we await their findings. 7. Reminder of the Waikerie Show and Shine on 3rd May, requesting entrants. 8. Geelong "All Ford Day – 100 years" flyer for this Sunday, as posted on notice board. on notice board. 9. Notice from Fairy Pig re this year's Rock & Roll Festival, on 19th to 21st September. 10. Request from Victor Harbor Council for current club contact details. Details for President and Secretary sent. 11. Formal notice from Meg & Ray Klecko that they need to step back from Club activities due to illness, but Meg is still working on a review of all Club documentation and Ray the registrations. **Note:** All external club events and special exhibitions etc. are listed on the library notice board, as are lists of all other car club newsletters and car magazines, with hard copies in the library, and please again see the Secretary for soft copies or for event details.

Correspondence Out: 1. Email sent to Fairy Pig covering a letter of support from the HMVC re their role as event organiser for the Rock & Roll Festival 2025 plus a Bendigo Bank re Applicant Organisation sponsorship. 2. Logbooks have been sent to our 3 vehicle inspectors, plus a request that they submit mileage expenses at least twice a year. Motion to accept the Secretary's report proposed by: Malc Haythorpe, Seconded by: Wayne Wood. Motion Approved.

Events: (Andrew Nicholls). **Recent Events:** The Bend: A very good day out with 51 people and 27 vehicles undertaking 4 laps of the large circuit, with some speed sections allowed. All followed by a good meal. Our thanks to Martin Thornhill for organising the event. **Future Events:** 1. Cars & Coffee on 8th April to Middleton Tavern. 2. Mt. Compass Tavern, run organised by Rob Makin for Sunday 13th April. Bookings close 7th April. 3. Westpark Nursing Home have requested a morning display of a dozen cars for 6th May, they will provide lunch. 4. Cars & Coffee 13th May at Delicious.

Welfare Officer & Club Clobber: (Marj Rowley). Marj reported on a new range of tops for the cooler weather, and peaked caps are now only \$19. Marj called for a volunteer to cover her whilst she undergoes some hospital treatment and recovery. Please see Marj.

Social & Catering: (Jan Dunk). Jan advised that the HMVC are supporting the Singer Club with catering, during their forthcoming event in April.

Magazine & Newsletter: (Wayne Wood). Wayne thanked the Club for allowing him to become Editor these past months, but due to health issues both of himself and his wife, he was having to stand down at the present. Anyone volunteering to cover Wayne should speak to him.

Registrar's Report: (Deidre Solly). Deidre welcomed Glen Rowlands as a further Authorised Assistant Registrar to assist as the workload of the Club Registrar is expanding, noting the following statistics: Total vehicles 406, comprising 45 motor bikes and 361 vehicles.

Vehicle Inspector's Report: (John Taylor). John advised that he had been to Seaford to inspect a member's cars and bikes.

Building Maintenance: (Chris Rowley). Chris advised that he has exposed the sewer connection to prevent damage to the pipe when the tree stumps are removed. Chris is looking for volunteers to help.

Sponsorship & Special Projects: (Malc Haythorpe). Nothing to report.

Library Report: (Leigh Blacket). Leigh thanked patrons for their donation of books. Books this month's books were on:

The Mercedes Benz Museum, Chevrolet, Jaguar, Dodge, Electric Vehicles, being older vehicles converted to electric using lead-acid batteries. Leigh reminded members that the library is open from 6 pm on Club Meeting Nights.

Federation Report: (John Taylor). Nothing to report.

General Business: Marj congratulated Andy Moffett on his wedding anniversary. Deidre advised members that for the Singer Club's National Meeting, Victor Harbor will see 35 cars, many from interstate, for tea at the club rooms, on display at Warland Reserve, and on the road to Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Anyone who can help with marshalling, was asked to see Deidre.

Guest Speaker: Steve Hall advised that the Club Night talks were kindly being organised by Dean Solly. Dean introduced Des Wallace, a retired train driver who gave a very entertaining talk on his life as a Commonwealth Railways Train Driver. Following his introduction into the railway from his brother and a 6-year apprenticeship, he told stories of his many bush experiences, including strandings and de-railings with the large diesel-electric locomotives. Many of these incidents captured on photographs he kindly set out for viewing.

Raffle: A member raffle was called. **Meeting Close:** The Harbour Bakery were thanked for continuing to provide supper.

Meeting Closed at: 8.17 pm 34 persons present including 3 visitors.

Next Meeting (No: 600): Thursday 1st May 2025 at 7.00pm.

(Abridged Version for Steering Column. E&OE)

JEFF'S JOKES

The pilot was sitting in his seat and pulled out a .38 revolver. He placed it on top of the instrument panel, and then asked the navigator "Do you know what I use this for?"

The navigator replied timidly "No, what's it for?"

The pilot responded "I use this on navigators who get me lost!"

The navigator produced a .45 and placed it on his chart table.

The pilot asked "What's that for?"

"To be honest sir" the navigator replied,

"I'll know we're lost before you will".

I filled up the car with petrol then headed into pay with a giant condom on my head.

"What on earth are you doing, sir" asked the cashier.

"Oh this" I replied pointing to the condom...

"My mum always told me to make sure I wear one while I'm being screwed".

Me to new girlfriend: "I want to be a millionaire like my Dad".

She said: "Wow, your Dad's a millionaire?"

"No – he wants to be".

Two aid workers are helping at the Japan nuclear disaster. One asks, "You from round here, buddy?"

"No" the other replies. "Queensland". "What State's that in?" asks the first one.

"Pretty much the same as this place!"

A man goes into the confession booth at church.

"Forgive me father, for I have sinned". "What is your sin, my son?" asks the priest.

"Well, about a month ago I was in the library until closing time, and when I wanted to leave it started to rain very heavily and didn't let up. After some time, me and the librarian lost our patience and... well... partied all night, if you catch my drift".

"That is bad but not horrible, my son," said the priest. "If it is a one-time slip, God will forgive you".

"That's just the thing," said the man. "About a week ago I helped my neighbour fix her shutters, and when I wanted to go home it started raining heavily and... well... you know, all night long".

The priest remains silent. It starts to rain. The man covers his face in his hands and starts sobbing

"What should I do now, father?"

"WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?!?" screamed the priest...

"You should buy a f- ing umbrella!"

An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband and she says "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you".

Her husband asks "Is that you, or the wine talking?" She replies...

"It's me. talking to the wine."

Billy stops Harry in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Harry asks, "Are you on foot or in the car?" Billy says, "In the car."

Harry says, "That's the quickest way."

Liam had left Dublin to go up to Belfast for a bit of skydiving.

Late on the Sunday evening a farmer found him in a tree.

"What happened?" asked the farmer.

Liam replied, "The parachute failed to open." "Well," said the farmer, "if you had of asked the locals before you jumped, they would have told you..."

nothing opens here on a Sunday."

My wife woke me up late last night and said "I can hear some banging downstairs".

I said...

"I'm surprised you can remember what it sounds like".

*If a politician drowns in a river —That's "pollution."
If all of them drown—That's "a solution!"*



Historic Motor Vehicles Club Members receiving instructions at The Bend



Rhys Constable's recently fully restored 1973 Porsche 911 at Beck's Bakehouse



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