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November/December 2026 Issue

NEXT MEETINGS:
18th. November, & No Meeting December, 2026.

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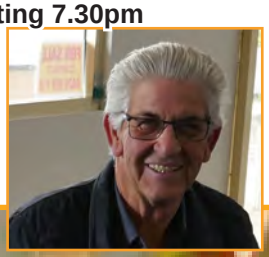
The Griffith Historic Motor Club was formed for the motoring enthusiast to help preserve our motoring heritage and to enjoy the company of like minded members in all club activities.

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MEETINGS: WHEN .. .. FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Starting 7.30pm
WHERE. .. GRIFFITH LEAGUES CLUB SOUTHSIDE
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(Off Street Parking at front of Club)

EVENTS: At least monthly .. .. see inside for details

Our September Meeting is our AGM



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From the Editor's Thoroughly Disinfected Desk ...



The AGM has been held, and was very well attended. While most positions remain unchanged there have been a few additional members added to the Events Committee, the Newspaper Co-ordinators and the Scrutineer Team, so this should lessen the burden of all involved.

It was also decided to increase the membership fees by $5.00 to annual fee becoming $40.00 and new membership (once only) to $65.00. While the club is in a strong financial position, members felt it necessary to have a very modest increase to cover increases in the ongoing costs to the club.

We also welcome two new Newsletter Sponsors, **Griffith Super Wash** and **Paul Tag' Plumbing.**

Thanks for your support, and I encourage members to support all our sponsors businesses.

Club Rallies: If you have a suggestion for a Club Rally, or an event you think would interest members, **please** pass on you ideas to our Events Committee.

Remember old cars are meant to be driven not hidden!

Our Various Rally Reports:



















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Editor

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1) Subject to 4) below, if applicable, your Conditional Registration allows you to drive your vehicle to and from where it's normally garaged on the events approved at a club meeting (which are published in the newsletter) including the monthly Griffith coffee runs on the first Saturday and third Wednesday.

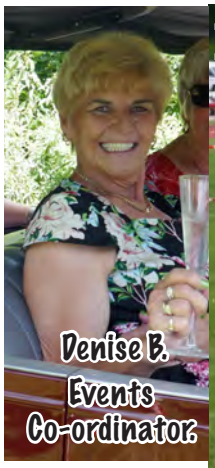
2) Subject to 4) below if using your vehicle for maintenance or servicing or on longer journeys, you need to notify one of the Club's Movement Book Holders including advising of the journey's purpose. For other vehicle use you may need the approval of a Club meeting (check with a Movement Book Holder if in doubt) so early planning is desirable.

3) You may also use your vehicle for a funeral for a club member including a funeral procession or guard of honour.

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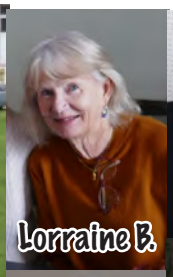
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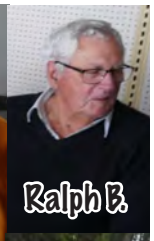
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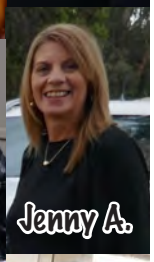
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HISTORIC MOTOR CLUB of GRIFFITH
November-December, 2025

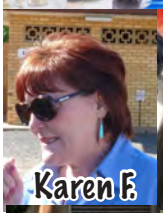


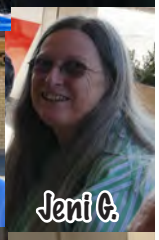




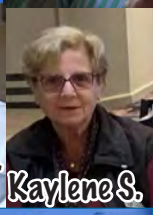














November:

November 7th.: '1st Saturday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at **to be advised**.

November 15th.: GHMC Observation Run: Long and Short Runs,
Finishing with a Bar B Q Lunch. Meet Plane-on-the sick for 9.00am start.

November 18th.: '3rd Wednesday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at **to be advised**.

November 25th.: Monthly Meeting: South Side Leagues Club, Starting 7.30 pm.

December:

December 5th.: '1st Saturday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at **to be advised**.

December 12th: Xmas Party, Punt Hotel, Saturday.

December 16th.: '3rd Wednesday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at **to be advised**.

No Monthly Meeting in December.



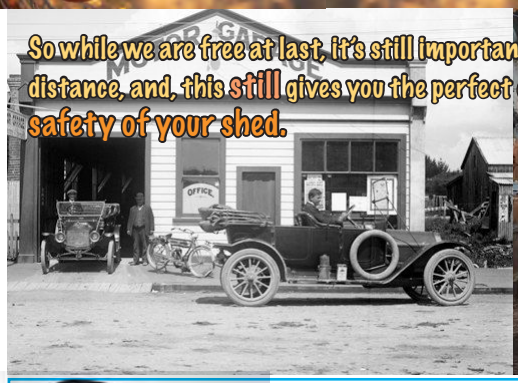
January 2027:

January 2nd.: '1st Saturday' Coffee, Kick Tyres and Chat: Meet 10.00am at **be advised.**

Please Note: There may be other events/rallies that other clubs are organising which you will be invited to, but at the time this is going to press we have not been notified about, these will be updated to you via Emails, so if you wish to attend, make sure you fill in your logbook.









1) Could you please update/give the club your email address.

2) Electronic Payment of Subs:

Payment Details:
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Registration details for Historic Rego.:
Registration Date: 10th September
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on your Registration Application.

Jeni G.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE !



The Events Committee Needs You

If you have any ideas of potential rally destinations for our club, just give your idea to one of the Events Committee members.

Remember: If you have a rally you want to go to, it's not a problem, either enter it into your logbook or just get in contact with one of the book holders to complete the very simple paper work

"I'm still around & making people sick!"

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GHMC's Wagga and Gundagai Rally:

An invitation to attend Gundagai Antique Motor Club's 50th anniversary was the catalyst for this weekend rally capably organised by Denise Bennett.

About half a dozen cars left from the Tourism Hub carpark at 9am on **Saturday** 17th., stopping at Narrandera's bakery for coffee after picking up Roy and Kay Schirripa at Yanco and meeting Tony and Joyce Toscan at Narrandera. We then drove to Wagga via the Old Wagga Rd which was almost devoid of traffic and the surface was in quite good condition. It tends to follow the Murrumbidgee River so is quite picturesque.

We had lunch at the Palm and Pawn Hotel in North Wagga where we were joined by Alan and Robyn Turner from Marrar and Murray and Lee Shaw from Nangus, before visiting the Iris Farm which is set in about 3 ha at Lake Albert where we were given some insights into cultivating these hardy plants that like full sun and not much water and where at the owner's request we parked our cars in and around the various beds to help with her promotion. A venue with a difference followed, thanks to John and Margaret Shaw, who joined us there. This comprised a huge collection of model cars, trucks and steam powered vehicles under cover as well as a large number of cars in various stages of restoration and outside numerous Kenworth trucks, some on historic plates. I feel sure that our wives came away feeling that their husband's modest collections were quite OK in comparison.

Dinner that evening was at our accommodation for the night, The Quality Inn Carriage House Motel, which Denise had arranged at a modest cost. Some of our lady members attended the Wizard of Oz staged by Bidgee Theatre at the Wagga Civic Theatre that evening and enjoyed the performance.

On **Sunday** morning we left for Gundagai at 8am driving along the Sturt and Hume Highways arriving at the Gundagai Racecourse which was the venue for GAMC's 50th anniversary before 9.30am which enabled our cars to be prominently displayed. Three of them sported our club banner and President Allan had a large standalone banner as well so there was no doubting where our cars were from. There was a huge turnout of historic vehicles from not only Gundagai, but Wagga and Cootamundra, including some rare makes not often seen, including a Jowett Javelin, an Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire, a 1950s Humber Super Snipe, which if my memory serves me correctly, came second in the first Redex trial, a mere one point behind the winning Peugeot 203. There was also a 1950s Morris Isis and two Vauxhall VX 4/90s with twin carburettors said to have encouraged Ford to beef up its Cortina in the early 1960s.
A favourite with the ladies was a micro Nissan Figaro.



Bill Callinan, a member of the Gundagai club, had his 1929 Willys Overland Whippet on display near to where morning tea was served. Bill bought this car in 1968 when he lived in Batlow and he is only the second owner. He had trailered the car to Gundagai from Wagga, where he now lives and Laraine, his wife, told the club's history from the point of view of the car, which was a novel approach.

Denise had organised tables for us at Gundagai's iconic Niagara Café so we said goodbye to our Gundagai hosts and enjoyed a delicious lunch before making our way back home via Junee and Coolamon. We covered 348 miles on the weekend.

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GHMC's Goes to the Hillston Show :

27th. September, 2026







GHMC Members decided it would be good to support the Hillston Show. So a small group turned out and entered their Show 'n Shine competition. Allan B. thought it would too slow a drive in his 1928 Erskine to Hillston, so he would trailer it instead. Unfortunately his tow vehicle let him down 5 kilometers out of Hillston, so Miss Daisy completed the journey under her own steam.

Anyway the trip was worthwhile, despite the very hot conditions, with Allan winning the People Choice, and Panch Salvestros 1971 Chevelle winning Best Vehicle of the Show.

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The Barkers Visit Motorlife Museum : Dapto, Wollongong



Recently on a trip to Wollongong Jan and I visited The Australian Motorlife Museum, Dapto, just south of The 'Gong.

The museums collection includes vehicles from the early 1900's through to the 1960's. It also has motorcycles, trucks, a Penny Farthing Bicycle and even a 1924 Fire Engine, complete with brass helmets. There is also an amazing collection of typewriter, gramophone record players, irons, picnic gear, signs galore, and, a display of pedal cars and tricycles. All professionally displayed. Early petrol pumps are a feature. It has a great deal to interest our club members. It would be the ideal destination for a two night rally, especially if we included the HARS Aviation Museum that is only a few minutes down the road at Albion Park aerodrome.



















Bill & Marie TOWNS featured in R & S Torque Magazine

recently ... ... the R & S Chryser Valiant Car Club of Victoria Inc..











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MEMBER PROFILE
BILL & MARIE TOWNS
GRIFFITH NSW

We have always loved the unique shape of the Valiant. We had a 1962 White Valiant S purchased in 1967 and drove it on our honeymoon in 1968. The wheels painted white as was the trend in the mid 60's Of course we would love to have it now.

In 2008 we joined the Griffith Historic Motor Club (photo of both of us is 2007) and bought our 1963 Valiant Push button auto from Alec Niven, the second owner who had it re sprayed Dodge Green in 1987. The paint work is still holding up pretty well. It had originally came from the Hillston area which is 112 km from Griffith.

We had to do the head on the motor and extractors fitted as the manifold kept leaking.

We purchased a Venetian and a rejuvenated dash facia from Henry Davies. We also fitted front seat belts and added Mag Wheels, otherwise the interior is still original.

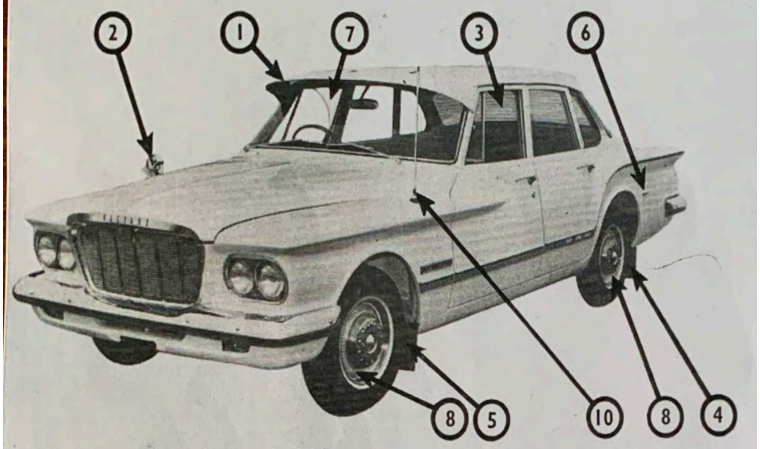
We go on monthly rallies with our local car club and morning tea catch ups fortnightly.

We are the only Valiant in our Car Club and only a couple in our area so it does attract a bit of interest.

In 2018, after a visit to Griffith by the R&S Chrysler Valiant Car Club of Victoria , we accepted an invitation from the club to join.

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... their BSA Bantam motorcycle

HUMBER SUPER SNIPES AND THE 1953 REDEX TRIAL Allan Haggarty

In my report on the rally to Wagga and Gundagai in October I said I thought my memory served me correctly in saying that a Humber Super Snipe came second in the 1953 Redex trial. Well, it did. November 1953's edition of Wheels magazine featured Maitland chemist Ken Tubman and his co-driver John Marshall who of course won the first REDEX trial in 1953 in a privately owned Peugeot 203. In 2003 at the time of the trial's 50th anniversary it said that K Robinson in a Humber Super Snipe came second in the 1953 trial.

In August 2003 a program on ABC Radio National to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the trial said that of the five Humber Super Snipes that started from Sydney (one of them driven by Tom Sulman), all five finished and that of the 187 original competitors there were 11 that reached Goulburn on the homeward leg without losing a single point. This caused the organisers to belatedly include a horror stretch at Marulan to sort the sheep from the goats. What the 'Wheels' article said was that the Peugeot's winning margin was a mere quarter of a minute! So for the sake of 15 seconds a Humber Super Snipe could have passed into Australian motoring folklore, instead of a Peugeot 203. But as the TV ad of some years ago said 'nobody remembers who came second.'

The article also said that the Peugeot was John Marshall's choice and that Ken Tubman was apprehensive about its capabilities. Tubman had wanted his mate Kel Ebbeck, a Maitland mechanic, with whom he'd competed in the past, as co-driver, but Ebbeck wasn't able to go. Tubman was unfamiliar with the Peugeot, but learned to drive it on the first leg to Brisbane!

One other matter that may be of interest relates to a Peugeot REDEX re-run of the 1953 trial in July 2003 in which nearly 100 cars from that era participated, most of them Peugeots. In some material on the re-run supplied to me by Jeff Dance at the time, there was a photo of Marshall's young daughter sitting in the winning 203 in 1953 and a report that in 2003, as the Mayor of Mackay, Qld she had the honour of welcoming the re-run cars when they went through her town.







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VETERAN VINTAGE & CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB OF WANGARATTA'S 55th SPRING RALLY

18 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2026



by Allan Haggarty

Margaret and I and Ralph Baulch attended this rally in separate vehicles, us in our 1970 Mercedes 280 SE and Ralph in his 1965 Ford Cortina GT. We had near perfect weather with the country looking its best thanks to colourful canola crops interspersed among lush green paddocks.

After an uneventful trip from Griffith via Yarrawonga registration and light refreshments at the rally headquarters,The Town and Country Tavern on Greta Rd were available from 4pm on the Friday and the three of us had dinner at the tavern before retiring to our motels.

On **Saturday** we drove to Yarrawonga via Boorhaman, Peechelba and Wilby for a lunch cruise of Lake Mulwala on the Cumberoona, a paddle steamer that used to be based in Albury. As the Cumberoona couldn't accommodate all entrants at once half of them took the first cruise which meant an early lunch so that the remaining entrants could be accommodated in time for the afternoon's excursion. The cruise was pleasant and informative and the afternoon's return to Wangaratta included an interesting visit to Lake Rowan cemetery which had some early graves. In the late 1800s Lake Rowan had the makings of a township but the siting of the railway further west through St James put paid to further development. St James claim to fame was where G J Coles had his first store. It is now part of the silo art trail. One notable grave at the cemetery was of an enterprising man called Stone, who had two concurrent families unbeknown to each until his death. He also had two dates of birth presumably to separate his identity from each family. Interestingly both families said he'd been a good husband and father. It motivated me to put in an entry to the rally's limerick competition, based on Sergei Prokofiev, the Russian composer of Peter and the Wolf, as he had two dates of birth owing to the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar at the time. Needless to say it didn't get a mention as, surprisingly, there were 39 other entries.

Sunday morning started with entrants judging vehicles in various categories before heading off on a Mystery Tour with a series of questions to be answered. As Ralph was on his own he came with us which meant both he and Margaret were able to provide answers, though we didn't win. The route included Moyhu, which we hadn't been to before. Rallies like this take you to different parts of our great country. Over lunch the winning vehicles from the morning's judging were revealed. The motor cycle award went to the sole entrant, a 1943 Harley Davidson WLA outfit, the Best Commercial to a WB Holden, the Best Veteran/Vintage to a 1916 T Model Ford, the Best Post Vintage to a 1933 Ford V8 Coupe, the Best Historic '50s to a 1953 Packard convertible, the Best Historic '60s to a 1966 Thunderbird Coupe, the Best Historic '70s to a 1972 Triumph TR6 Roadster, the Best Historic '80s to a 1983 Toyota tray truck, the Best Historic '90s to a 1998 Jaguar and The President's Award to a 1987 Ford Falcon Ghia.

A nice touch was that Denny Wagstaffe, one of the Wangaratta club's stalwarts, took a photo of each entrant's vehicle and emailed it as a memorable record of the event.

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"1st Saturday"



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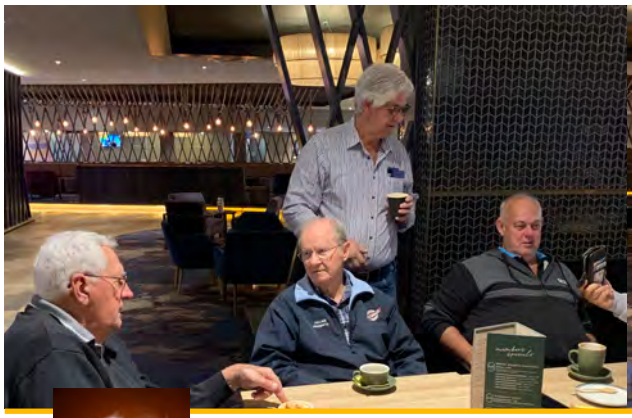
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October Coffee Runs.

"1st Saturday" Yarran Winery, Yenda A Pictorial Report





For our October "1st. Saturday" Coffee Run, we hosted The Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicles Drivers Club, (Shepparton Car Club) who were visiting Griffith, morning tea at Yarran Wines, Yenda, with the club providing a coffee van and the ladies providing "the naughties". It was a very well attended attended coffee run and our visitors were, as one of them commented, "blown away" with our hospitality, and the many attractions Griffith had to offer, inluding on the Friday afternoon a viewing of the Griffith Regional Theatre's Soft Scupture Curtain, and, the visit to Pioneer Park.





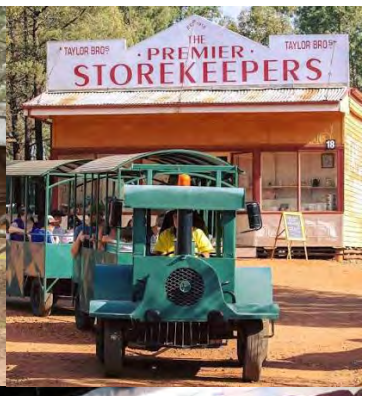
















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