



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

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P.O. Box 845, Horsham Vic 3402

Incorporated Number A0003335K

Member of the Federation of Victorian Vintage and Classic Vehicle
Clubs Inc. and the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc

Photo from the January mystery run (photo by Lyn Eltze).



Next Meeting:

February General Meeting

Thursday 12 February at 8.00 PM

Dooen Hall. Members, Guests and Public welcome

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Events Committee	Neville Thomas Bruce Brody Don Perry	Frank Miller Rod & Maureen Warrick Doug & Jenny Mitchell	Phil & Helen Curkpatrick		
Library Committee	Alan Jolley	Alan Cannane			
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Dooen Hall Committee	Neil Smith	John Brack	Mauro Boddi		
Club Persons of the Year 2025		Doug and Jenny Mitchell			

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
7.30 PM Wednesday 11 February 2026	Events Meeting	Doug and Jennie Mitchell's
8.00 PM Thursday 12 February 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
9.00 AM Wednesday 18 February 2026	Mystery run for Vintage Vehicles	Meet at Hungry Jacks
Saturday 21 February 2026	Blue Ribbon Ball	Volunteers chauffeuring to the event. Refer Neil Smith organiser to volunteer.
Saturday 21 February 2026	Minyip Show n shine	8am to 10am for entries, \$15 per category. Flyer on Facebook.
9.30 AM Thursday 26 February 2026	Coffee and cars at Dimboola Store and Bakery, Lloyd St	Convoy from Horsham College, departing at 9.30am.
8.00 PM Thursday 12 March 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up Please bring a small plate of supper to share.

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Life Members

Life Members:	Wes Atwood (dec)	Fred Opprecht (dec)	Jack Gunn (dec)
Clem Duldig	Vic Ellis	John King (dec)	Gary Knight
Neville Thomas	Bill Allen (dec)	Don Perry	Dave & Marge Barnard
Alan Jolley	Stewart (dec) & Cheryl Muir		

Regalia

Jumpers		Hats		Shirts		Souvenirs	
LS Polar Fleece	\$50	Beanies	\$15	Dress Shirt	\$50	Grille Badge	\$20
Polar Fleece Vest	\$45	Bucket Hat	\$20	Polo Shirt	\$30	Lapel Badge	\$10
Windcheater	\$25	Wide Brim Hat	\$25			Stubby Holder	\$10
NEW Ladies LS Wool Cardigan	\$70	Cap	\$20			Teaspoon	\$10
						WMHVS window stickers	\$3

Contact Bruce Brody for any regalia needs.

President's Report

Hello everyone.

I hope that you're all staying cool and hydrated with these hot days. It felt like it was a slow start to Summer with cool days in December, but it has finally hit now with a vengeance! I'm very grateful for air conditioning, which I am sitting under now while compiling this report as it is 44°C outside.

January has been a horrific month with bushfires in Victoria, impacting our local communities of Natimuk, Quantong and surrounding areas. Our hearts go out to those people who have been impacted, particularly our club members who have sadly lost cherished possessions. In times like this, it's important for our local communities to band together and make sure that we check in on one another.

Unfortunately, Rod and I haven't been able to attend any events in January as we have had a busy month, but we're very much looking forward to

February where we're able to attend upcoming events. There is an events committee meeting on the 11th of February, so if you have any suggestions of what events you'd like to see please contact Peter Anthony before this meeting. As always, we're very welcome to ideas and would love your input.

Hope to see everyone at an event soon, stay cool!

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)



From the Editor

Please let me give a shout out to those making submissions for the newsletter. If you have a few photos from an event and, even better, a few paragraphs to accompany them, it is great encouragement for members to join in.

I'm off to Western Australia in a few weeks and will be on the lookout for something cool (like a BA Ford XR8).

I hope everyone is having a great summer and managing the heat as best you can. Remember: slip, slop, slap, seek and slide.

When you make a submission for the newsletter, please use the email editor@wmhvs.org.au. You can also text/sms via 0477 159 494.

Dean Robertson (Editor)

Horsham Swap Meet

* 42ND ANNUAL HORSHAM AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET



Saturday April 11th, 2026
Horsham Show Grounds

- Ample sites available, no pre-bookings
- Site fees \$25 (admits 2 people).
- Site holders admitted from 9am Friday 10th
- Trading hours 7am - 2 pm, Saturday 11th
- Generous site sizes, most 6m x 8m
- General public entry \$5, under 15's free
- Phone: Terry 0406 006 040
- Email: swap@wmhvs.org.au



Coffee & Cars Warracknabeal 22 January 2026

On what was a perfect weather day we had 18 members and 1 young guest car enthusiast for what was a great day out, meeting at Dooen and Warracknabeal cafe 165 who provided a great venue.

Peter Anthony

Dougie Mitchell said I'll pick you up at 9 am tomorrow and was as good as his word when he pulled into my driveway in Jennies freshly washed blue Monaro which was purring like a kitten!

Peter Anthony in the Falcon and Jen and Leigh Doolan were already there waiting as we pulled into the Dooen Pub car park.

It wasn't long before Peter Ryan, Peter and Dawn Wood, Steve and Judy Garwood, Paul and Noelene Kelly and Roger Pilgrim arrived and, capably led by Dougie, eight classic cars headed for Warracknabeal along the Blue Ribbon Road to avoid roadworks on the Henty Highway.

Following a leisurely drive we arrived at The Local 165 cafe in Scott Street and after ordering food and drink we settled into the old workshop area on the northside of the building.

Vic and Del Ellis were already there and it wasn't long before we were joined by Eddie Pargetter, Greg Gibson and Graeme Ussing with his nephew Luke Deckert.

The food and drinks arrived promptly and we enjoyed a very social time in the cool of the cafe. Around 11.30am we headed out to meet David Symes at his property on the north west side of the town.

Doug Mitchell had arranged a viewing of the old stable at Woodbine Farm. The old stable dates from the time of the Scott family who were the first settlers at Warracknabeal Station in the 1840's and 1850's.

The stable had been renovated by David's father in the early 1960's and again tidied up and refurbished by David and some locals as a Covid project in the early 2020's.

David Symes gave us a detailed rundown on the history of the farm and the building. He handed out some A4 sheets containing a timeline and some reproduced photos prepared by Amanda Symes in 2023.

After more fellowship and discussion we headed for home. Doug let me pilot the Monaro and we had a very pleasant trip back to Horsham.

Thanks to Peter Anthony and Doug Mitchell for organising an interesting viewing of part of Warracknabeal history.

Don Perry

Photos of attendees on the next page.



Coffee & Cars Warracknabeal 22 January 2026



Minutes of the January 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting – No. 557 – MINUTES
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 8th January 2026

Meeting opened :- 8.02pm

In Attendance :- D. Robertson, M. Warrick, N. Thomas, T. Pollock, R. Binns, A. Jolley, P. Anthony, J. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, B. Brody, K. Brody, V. Jolley, J. Paydon, P. Curkpatrick, F. Turzi, T. Rudolph, I. Walker, M. Boddi, S. Boddi, J. Perronne, N. Smith, B. Williams, J. Taylor, I. Brown, P. Flaherty, E. Pergetter, B. Hicks, L. Hogan, R. Schneider, A. Cannane, S. Garwood, J. Gaspirini
(32 Members)

Apologies : L. & J. Doolan, J. Brack, V. Ellis, D. Perry, C. Thomas, G. Gibson, P. & D. Wood, M. Zbierski, F. Miller, H. Curkpatrick, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry

Minutes : Moved Rob Binns that the minutes of the previous General Meeting (556), be accepted as distributed. Seconded by Terry Pollock - carried

Secretaries Report : Correspondence Inward - Invoice – Aus Post

Invoice – VicRoads BBQ Trailer Rego

Thank You from Sharon Warrick

Thank you from Mandy Kirsopp

Outward - Minutes of last Meeting – distributed via Newsletter

Moved by Alan Jolley that Secretaries report be received. Seconded by Douglas Mitchell - carried

Minutes of the January 2026 General Meeting (continued)

Treasurers Report :- Treasurer Dean Robertson presented a report on the Clubs finances up to end of December 2025 and moved that it be received. Rob Binns Seconded - carried

Membership :- Application to join WMHVS by **Cleve Ellis** was approved. President Maureen welcomed Cleve in his absence.

Reports :- Federation/AOMC - Nil Report

Events – Peter Anthony presented an events update for January/February. Members reminded to keep a close lookout on Club events page in our Newsletter

Swap Meet - Swap Director Terry Pollock presented an update on our Swap, scheduled for Saturday 11th April. Terry reiterated that this event is a major fundraiser for our Club. This year we are operating for the first time on a new site and we need input from all our members – over three days Thursday 9th from 1.00pm. Friday 10th 9.00am until 7.00pm and Saturday 11th from 6.00am until 2.00pm.

Volunteer sheets have been prepared and circulated at this meeting. However, please contact Terry if you were not at the meeting and can spare a couple of hours. We need help from as many members as possible.

This year, all members of the public will receive a site map on entry.

Club members were reminded that a. if you do NOT volunteer to help, you cannot claim an attendance credit for simply being at the Swap, and b. Club members CANNOT pre-reserve a site. Sites will be made available Friday morning. Any member wishing to obtain a site, must OCCUPY it. (ie trailer/vehicle etc)

General Business : Rob Binns showed members a ‘mystery object’. A bronze Tomahawk like tool with Shell etched into it. (Turned out to be a tool for opening wooden cartons that used to contain tins of Fuel – that’s going back a long way !)

Rob also showed members an old photo album of members/ex members vehicles that he had collated many years ago. Our members often used their vehicles in weddings in the 80’s and 90’s and this album was able to be shown to prospective people of the variety of vehicles in our club.

Maureen Warrick reported that she had been in touch with Keith Tough who was recently hospitalized. He’s on the mend and going OK.

Dean Robertson requested a volunteer/s to assist with the Newsletter as he will be away late Feb/early March and later on in the year. Janice Perrone raised her hand, but one or two other members would be helpful.

The Club was then treated to a brief slide show of the science event to be held for students in March. Doug Mitchell narrated – volunteers required.

Meeting Closed: 8.33pm



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society
Celebrating 50 Years 1968 - 2018



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Mystery Run 14 January 2025

Photos from Lyn Eltze.



Retired Supercars

Photos borrowed from the internet.

Ferrari F40



Dodge Daytona



Ferrari 365 GTB/4



Lamborghini Countach



Jaguar E-type



Dino 246 GT (the most beautiful car ever)



Lamborghini Miura (I think)



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