



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

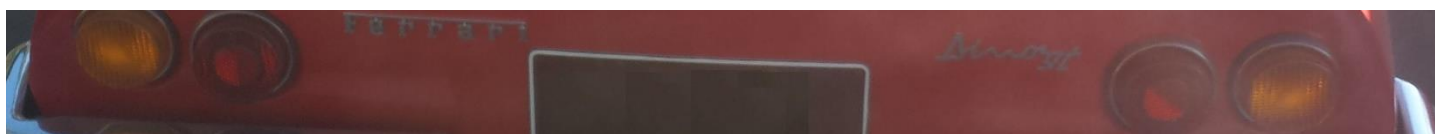
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WMHVS Coffee & Cars, Pimpinio, 24 September 2026



Next Meeting: September General Meeting

**Thursday 8 October 2026 at 8.00 PM at Doon Hall.
Members, Guests and Public welcome.**

President's Report

Hello everyone,

Hello Spring! The days are getting longer and brighter and the countryside is busting into colour! I can't wait for some warmer days, and better weather.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Father's Day with their loved ones, it was too much for Bruce and Rod! They needed to have a nap during the day.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Neil Smith on receiving his Life Membership. Neil was presented this award at our September meeting as he was away for our Annual Dinner.

The Executive Committee are very relieved, as it was hard keeping it a secret so we could surprise Neil when he attended the next meeting.

This is a well-deserved honour. Neil has worked tirelessly for our club and has always been willing to put time and effort to help make our club what it is today.



Neil had a major role in negotiating the tenant agreement with the Dooen Hall Management Committee for our club to be based and remains a lead representative on the Dooen Hall Management Committee. He loves a challenge!!!!

Neil has held many positions within our club and remains an active member. Congratulations Neil, you have truly earned the honour of Life Membership of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society.

Talking of challenges, the kitchen in the hall now is up and running again. Thanks to Neil, Mauro, Russell and Aurelio who volunteered their time to fix the mess. Thank you to these guys and anyone who helped that I have forgotten to mention, supper can resume now after our meetings.

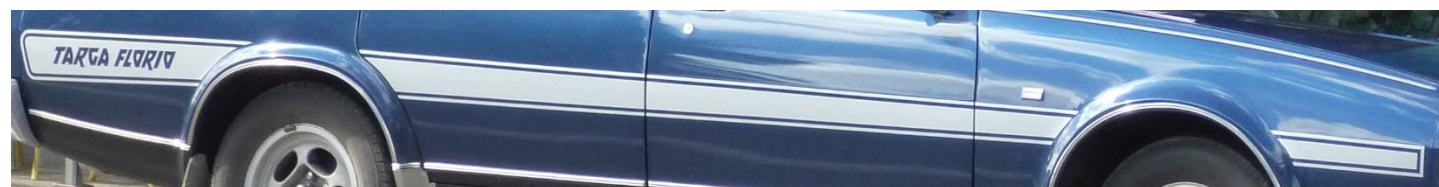
Neville Thomas has organised a Douglas Motor Bike Rally from Thursday 1st October to 5th October. This event is sponsored by our Car Club and would love for our members to be involved. Those who volunteer their time will be accredited Club attendance.

Morning tea on the Monday will be at the clubrooms starting at 10am supplied by our club members. If you can help by supplying morning tea or help on the day, please contact Myself on 0429 892 021. Details of the Rally were in the September Newsletter; any queries please phone Neville Thomas on 0419 385 242.

Unfortunately, Rod and I have not been able to any attend club events this month but have heard great reports from those who have. Spring is a great time to get out, enjoy a drive, catch up with club friends and make the most of the beautiful weather, so dust off your cars/bikes and come along to a club event. We would love to see you there.

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)



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Events Committee	Neville Thomas Bruce Brody Phil & Helen Curkpatrick	Don Perry Rod & Maureen Warrick Janice Perrone			
Library Committee	Alan Jolley	Alan Cannane			
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Swap Committee	Neville Thomas Colin Kemp	Rob Binns Terry Pollock	Russell Davies Andrew Saunders		
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Dooen Hall Committee of Management Representatives					
	Neil Smith	John Brack	Mauro Boddi		

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

Time / Date	Event	Logistics & Contact
1 to 5 Oct 2026	National Douglas Gathering	National Douglas Gathering will be based in Horsham. Contact is Neville Thomas. More in the September 2026 Newsletter.
Sat & Sun, 3 & 4 Oct 2026	Murtoa Big Weekend	Car displays and more. Just turn up?
Thu 8 Oct 2026	Warracknabeal Show	No competition. Free entry for Car driver, \$10 for any extra in the car. Cars to be in the grounds before 10.30am. Entry on Dungey St. We are invited to put our cars in the Grand Parade at 3pm.
8.00 PM Thu 8 Oct 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Thu 15 Oct 2026	Nhill Show	Nhill Show is today. Car parking is available via the Nhill-Harrow Road entrance. Only Pedestrian entry via the main entrance. Rod Warrick will check out this year's theme and details of entry.
Sat 17 Oct 2026	Visit to Ron Schneider	Located between Rupanyup and Marnoo Entry \$5.00 Contact is Jennie Mitchell
Sat 17 Oct 2026	Entertainment Night at Dooen Hall	Entertainment Night at Dooen Hall. 7.30pm screening. Dooen Hall open 6pm for BYO meal. Contact is Neil Smith.
Friday-Sunday 23-25 October 2026	Annual Rally (Bordertown)	Contact Bruce Brody for more information. See article in the August 2026 Newsletter.
Tue 3 Nov 2026	Melbourne Cup	Melbourne Cup Day celebration at the Dooen club rooms. \$10.00 per person. Contacts are Bruce and Maureen.
Thu 5 Nov 2026	Events Committee Meeting	7.30 pm at Doug and Jennie Mitchell's.
8.00 PM Thu 12 Nov 2026	General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Sat 14 Nov 2026	Entertainment Night at Dooen Hall	Entertainment Night at Dooen Hall. 7.30pm screening. Dooen Hall open 6pm for BYO meal. Contact is Neil Smith
Sun 22 Nov 2026	Natimuk Tour	Visit to 'The Old Garage Museum, Arapiles Historical Society and Climbing Museum at Natimuk. Lunch either at the hotel or the Popup café next door. More info later. Contacts Jennie Mitchell & Pat Ford.
Thu 26 Nov 2026	Vintage Run	Vintage Run for the older vehicles. Contact is Neville Thomas
Sun 6 Dec 2026	Christmas Lunch	Christmas Lunch at the Dooen Hall. Members to bring a salad or sweets to share. Club is paying for the meat. More info to come. Contact is Bruce Brody.

From the Editor

Thank you all for submissions to the newsletter and please continue to send me items of interest or photos of events and outings for the monthly newsletter. I sometimes have to fill an extra page so it is handy to have a few extra items ready to go.

As the weather is improving, I've been getting the fun cars out a little more often. I took my mum to Halls Gap Zoo for an outing. We took the mighty XR8 which was perfect. I was surprised mum likes it but you can never tell.

I've also had the Mustang out 'n' about. I did have to install a new battery which was annoying. Hopefully this one lasts a little longer than the last one.

This buggered battery reminded of a story from many years ago. I had gone fishing with a mate at Malsbury Reservoir and we left well before dawn. Fishing was great and we were headed home when I ran out of petrol. I have a bad habit, even after all these years, of driving off in cars without checking the fuel situation. I left mate with the car and a passing motorist gave me a lift to town where I bought a can and fuel.

I walked about 5 km back to the car to find mate fast asleep. I put in the fuel and went to start it. Completely dead. Turns out, mate decided to listen to radio with the air conditioning on and drained the battery. Luckily, a farmer stopped and had jumper cables in his ute. Back on the road shortly after. My lesson of the day: "don't leave your keys with an idiot".

Please share if you have a good story about the foibles of historic motoring.

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.

The cut off for the November 2026 Newsletter will be Monday 26 October 2026. The next issue will include the Annual Rally at Bordertown.

Dean Robertson (Editor)



Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Special Members

Life Members:

Neil Smith *NEW*
Wes Atwood (dec)
Clem Duldig
Gary Knight
Don Perry
Stewart (dec) & Cheryl Muir

Rob Binns *NEW*
Fred Opprecht (dec)
Vic Ellis
Neville Thomas
Dave & Marge Barnard

Jack Gunn (dec)
John King (dec)
Bill Allen (dec)
Alan Jolley

Club Persons of the Year 2026:

Peter Anthony



WMHVS 60th Anniversary History & Digital Archive

The Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society was formed in 1968 and will reach its 60th anniversary in 2028.

This significant milestone provides an opportunity to undertake a major historical project to record the Society's first sixty years and preserve that history for future generations.

The Society is particularly fortunate to still have a number of very long-serving members, including approximately seven to ten members who have been associated with the Society for 50 years or more. These members represent an invaluable source of information about the early years of the Society, its members, vehicles, activities and development.

Many of these members also hold, or know the whereabouts of, historic photographs, documents, personal records and memories that may not be contained in the Society's formal records.

The proposed project would have two principal outcomes:

- A professionally produced 60th anniversary history of the Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society.
- A permanent digital historical archive containing the source material from which the history has been developed.

The intention is not simply to produce a book of meeting minutes or an administrative history. The objective would be to tell the story of the Society, its members, its vehicles, its activities and its place in the history and community of the Wimmera.

The project would seek to identify, collect and digitise, where available:

- General and annual meeting minutes.
- Executive and committee meeting minutes.
- Treasurer's reports and financial records.
- Annual reports.
- Society monthly newsletters.
- Newspaper articles.
- Historic photographs.
- Club correspondence.
- Written recollections.
- Recorded oral histories.

A particularly important part of the project should be the recording of the memories and knowledge of the Society's long-serving members. The Society currently has approximately seven to ten members with 50 years or more of membership or association with the Society.

Given the potentially very large quantity of material, modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems could be used as a research and archival assistant. The purpose would not be to have AI independently write the Society's history. Instead, AI could assist with:

- OCR of scanned documents.
- Extraction of information from newsletters and minutes.
- Searching the archive for names, dates, events and subjects.
- Comparing contemporary records with later recollections.
- Organising the historical material into a coherent research structure.

The original documents would remain the authoritative historical sources.

The intention should be to produce an interesting and highly illustrated history, rather than simply a record of sixty years of committee administration.

The main book could explore themes such as:

- The Beginnings.
- The Social Story.
- Historic Motoring in the Wimmera.
- The Vehicles.
- Restoration to Preservation.
- Rallies and Touring.
- People and Personalities.
- Sixty Years of Change.

The club's history and documentation would be preserved for later generations to review and peruse. A published book would give current and past members a keepsake related to a very important part of our lives.

We look forward to further discussion.

Rob Binns

Warracknabeal Show

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August 30th 2026

Invitation to Car Clubs & Vehicle Enthusiasts

Warracknabeal A & P Show – Thursday 8th, October 2026

Dear Car Club Representatives and Vehicle Enthusiasts,

The Warracknabeal Agricultural & Pastoral Society would like to warmly invite your club and its members to be part of the Warracknabeal Show on Thursday, 8th, October 2026.

We are looking to showcase a great variety of vehicles and would love to see cars, trucks, classic vehicles, vintage vehicles, modified cars, 4WDs and other interesting vehicles on display at this year's Show.

As part of our Event Application and safety requirements, All moving vehicles participating in the show must be on site and in position by 10.30am. This will allow us to have everything organised and ready for the public to enjoy, as well as ensure that vehicles are in place before the event activities commence. *Entry via Dungey Street Gate.*

As part of your attendance, we would also love for participating vehicles to take part in the Show's Grand Parade. This is a great opportunity to showcase your vehicles to the wider community and be part of one of the highlights of the Warracknabeal Show.

As a thank you for supporting the Warracknabeal Show, the driver of each participating vehicle will receive free entry to the Show.

We do, however, ask that any additional adults or concession card holders who are arriving as passengers in a participating vehicle pay the normal entry fee:

● Adults: \$15

● Concession: \$10

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us make the 2026 Warracknabeal Show a fantastic Community Event and a great day out for vehicle enthusiasts and the wider community.

If your club or members would like to participate, please RSVP by 30 September 2026 by emailing: info@warracknabealshow.com.au

Please include the name of your club, the number and type of vehicles attending, and a contact name and phone number.

We look forward to welcoming you, your club and your vehicles to the 2026 Warracknabeal Show and seeing you proudly take part in our Grand Parade.

Kind regards,

Sharlene McGinniss

Warracknabeal Agricultural & Pastoral Society

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Halls Gap Motorcycle Run on Saturday 5 September 2026

Although a designated motorbike run, all members of our club were encouraged to come along. The stormy weather predicted was not conducive to motor cycles and of the 5 potential motorcyclists who attended only Barry Schilling came on his Ducati motorbike. The cars which turned up were all of the post 1980 era.



Nonetheless 4 cars and 1 motorcycle left Murtoa at 10.30am in windy but relatively dry conditions. A few kms short of Glenorchy a savage storm hit and the wind was only slightly less than gale force. Those crows and magpies which were flying couldn't make their ground speed match or better the wind speeds so were observed to be flying flat out but backwards in the direction of the storm!!!



Poor old Baz on the Ducati copped the brunt of the storm while us chicken hearted fair weather bikies looked on from the comfort of our cars.



Arriving in Halls Gap our little convoy drove on to Lake Bellfield to check the water level and enjoy the Spring sun which remarkably was shining after our cloudy and rainy trip.

Then back to Flame Brothers restaurant where we met up with Dawn and Peter Wood. With 13 club members in attendance we soon commandeered a couple of tables, ordered our food and engaged in plenty of lively chatter.

After the lunch we adjourned to Coolas Ice Creamery for the traditional ice-cream before heading home after a thoroughly enjoyable day.



All praise and respect to our intrepid solo motorcyclist, Barry Schilling.

Don Perry



Trip to J Ward, Ararat, 16 September 2026



This trip was originally planned to be at Aradale but, as you will know, that site was unexpectedly closed down for tours in the blink of an eye.



So the option to see J Ward was accepted by a smaller group (many in our club had been there – some recently). Our group of ten car pooled and we arrived to a very cool day in Ararat. Our early arrival gave us the opportunity to check out the (warm) waiting room and its history while we waited for our guide.



We soon discovered that the very high stone walls blocked most of the cold wind!



Alan was worth the wait – so informative (no notes!). Our entry fee was well worth the price and, as no one was bored, we had a 2 ½ hour tour!

He drives from Beaufort to both guided tours and maintenance at the facility – he said it is like a very large Mens' Shed.



**J WARD:
OLD ARARAT GAOL**

As you may know, the day time tours of Aradale are again operating (albeit under changed rules ie: outside only) on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10 am. The events committee will look at a 'take two' visit there.

Helen Curkpatrick

Coffee & Cars, Mr Chef, Horsham 19 September 2026



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Coffee & Cars, Pimpinio 24 September 2026



Photos from Lyn Eltze

Union Hotel, Nhill, Lunch 27 August 2026



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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.



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Minutes of the September 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 565 – MINUTES Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – 10th September 2026

Meeting Opened: 8.00pm – President Maureen Lister-Warrick welcomed all present to the meeting

Visitors: No visitors or guests in attendance.

In Attendance: M. Lister-Warrick, S. Boddi, D. Robertson, L. Doolan, J. Taylor, I. Brown, A. Jolley, R. Warrick, N. Eltze, O. Duff, K. Duff, K. Zacher, L. Hogan, J. Feery, K. McMartin, E. Milbourne, J. Buckley, N. Thomas, R. Binns, C. Thomas, R. Schneider, D. Perry, S. Friend, R. Kotz, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, M. Schilling, G. Ussing, M. Boddi, J. Brack, M. Kirsopp, P. Sudholz, M. Watson, M. Haebick, J. Gasparini, V. Terry, L. Hoy, G. Schultz, J. Schultz, I. Walker, N. Smith, R. Davies, A. Macchia, J. Perrone, G. Mills, H. Curkpatrick. (46 members, 1 child)

Apologies: G. Smith, B. Brody, J. & D. Mitchell, M. Griffin, C. Kemp, B. Schilling, S. Garwood, M. Zbierski, T. Pollock, F. & R. Turzi, W. Reichelt, P. Curkpatrick, T. Rudolph, K. Taylor, V. Jolley, W. Gunn-Duff, C. Smith, G. Exell.

Minutes: Moved Neville Thomas that the minutes of the previous meeting be received as correct.
Seconded by Mauro Boddi Carried.

Secretary's Report: Inwards Correspondence:
August Invoice from Aus Post: Referred to Treasurer.
Advance notice of Warracknabeal Show via FB – invitation to display our cars – awaiting formal invitation via email. Referred to General Business.

Outwards Correspondence:
Sympathy card to Jenny & Doug Mitchell. Jenny's Mum passed away recently.
Moved Sue Boddi that the Secretary's report be received.
Seconded Neil Smith. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dean Robertson tabled his report detailing current finances.
Dean would like to add to the Term Deposit held at Westpac from the General A/c held at Bendigo Bank when Term Deposit matures. Any objections let Dean know asap.
Discussion and decision tabled until the October General Meeting.
Dean moved that his report be received.
Rob Binns seconded. Carried.

Membership: Leigh Doolan had nothing to report.

Reports: OAMC – Neville Thomas – nothing to report.
Federation – Colin Kemp – an apology so no report.

*** Editor's Note: Events are listed in the calendar earlier in the newsletter.

Regalia: Bruce Brody an apology so no report.

Rally: Bruce Brody an apology so no report.

Minutes of the September 2026 General Meeting (continued)

60th Anniversary of WMHVS: Maureen advised that Bruce Brody will speak to the other Combined Rally clubs in October to get WMHVS Rally changed to 2028 so that we can incorporate 60th anniversary into Rally.

Swap Meet: Colin Kemp an apology so no report

Clubrooms: Neil Smith reported that the Hall kitchen is again usable but job is not yet finished. New water tank and pump still to be installed. The illuminated WMHVS external sign has been fixed and is working perfectly thanks to Aurelio Macchia.

Maureen Lister- Warrick presented Neil Smith with his life membership.

General Business: Neville Thomas spoke about the Douglas Motorbike Rally 1st to 6th October. Motorbikes from 1910 to 1953. WMHVS is sponsoring people to attend from all over Australia. 35 people will be attending. Neville needs people to volunteer to be corner markers on each day of the Rally. Contact Neville asap. Maureen is organising catering for morning tea for participants on the Monday. Contact Maureen asap to assist with catering for morning tea. Lunch for participants will be hosted by Neville and Gayle Thomas at their home. Contact Neville to assist with catering for lunch.

Maureen Lister-Warrick reported on decision made at last night's executive meeting regarding new members. New people who apply to join WMHVS MUST be present at the meeting where we vote them in. No exceptions.

Rob Binns elaborated on ideas for the 60th anniversary of the WMHVS with slideshow presentation. He suggests that we produce a book of the history of the club in time for the 60th anniversary. Needing a committee to collate the history we have saved. Need to scan newsletters, rally programs, membership lists, minutes of meetings, treasurers' reports, photos, newspaper clippings to a hard drive. Also get oral history from long standing members. CLAUDE AI will make all information accessible for other purposes as well. A committee of 4 or 5 people would be ideal. Need a flatbed scanner, laptop and hard drive. Book will be in chronological order. Information that AI collates will be fact checked by the committee to ensure accuracy. We need to start by the end of 2026 to have manuscript ready by the end of 2027. A show of hands indicated that members are in favour of moving ahead with the book. If you want to assist see Rob after the meeting.

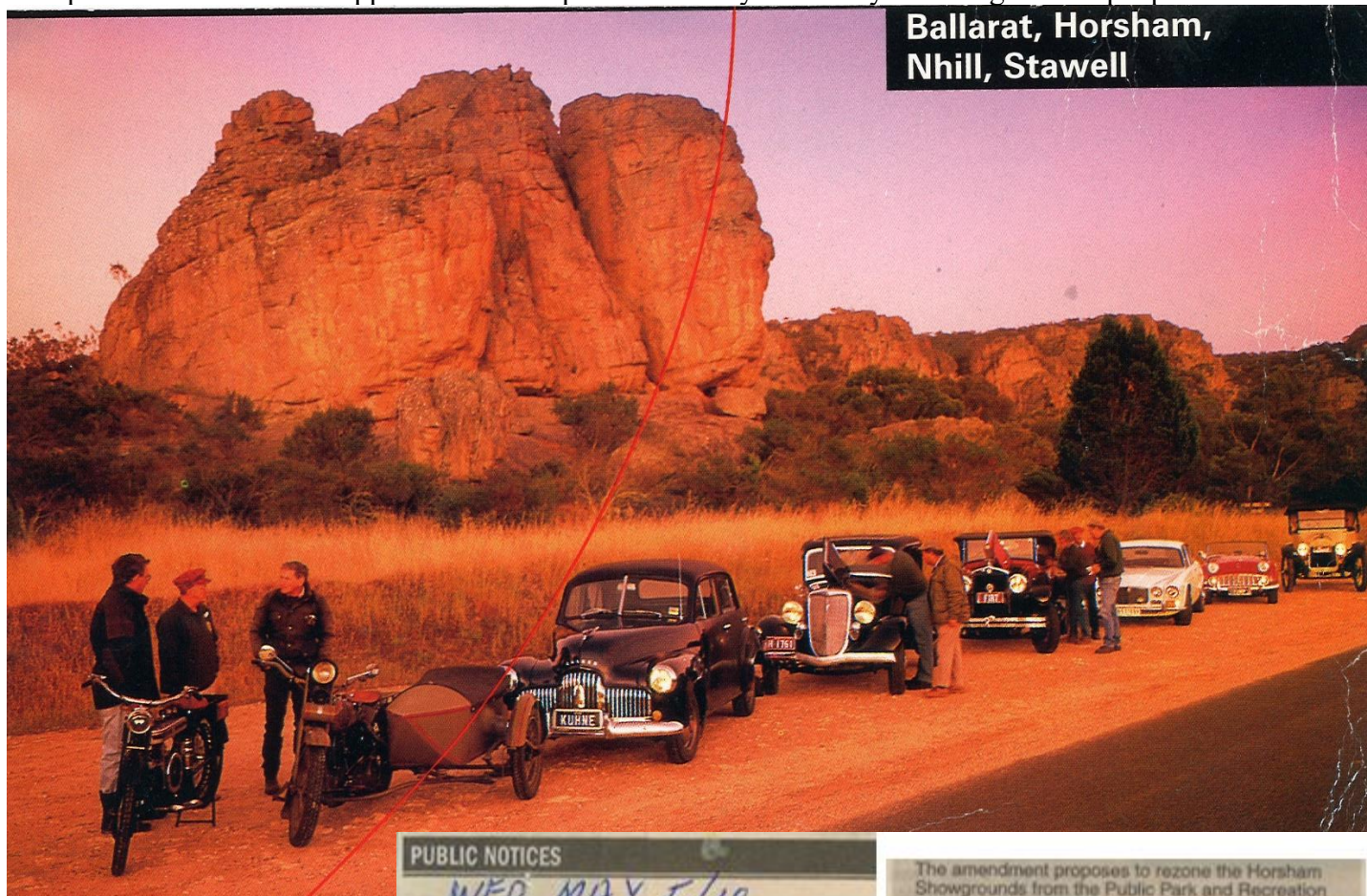
Rob Binns mentioned that HRCC is seeking nominations for community event of the year. He believes that the WMHVS Swap Meet would be eligible for the award. Rob will contact HRCC to determine when nominations close so that we don't miss the deadline.

Meeting Closed: 8.38pm.



Another Blast from the Past

This picture of Mitre Rock appeared on a telephone directory. Does anyone recognise the people or vehicles?



Ballarat, Horsham,
Nhill, Stawell

PUBLIC NOTICES
WED MAY 5/10
Horsham Rural City Council urban rural balance

**Planning and Environment Act 1987
HORSHAM PLANNING SCHEME
Notice of Preparation of Amendment
Amendment C41
Authorisation A01476**

The Horsham Rural City Council has prepared Amendment C41 to the Horsham Planning Scheme. In accordance with section 8A(3) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Minister for Planning authorised the Horsham Rural City Council as planning authority to prepare the amendment. The land affected by the amendment is land bounded by McPherson Street/Henty Highway, McBryde Street, and the Wimmera River; also known as the Horsham Showgrounds and also described as Lot 1 on TP682519 and Crown Allotment 27 on PP5386; and land within the Wimmera River corridor, at the rear of Nos. 2 and 4 McBain Street, Horsham, also known as Lot 1 on TP320236.

The amendment proposes to rezone the Horsham Showgrounds from the Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to the Special Use Zone Schedule 4 (SUZ4); and the small parcel of land at the rear of Nos. 2 and 4 McBain Street from the Rural Living Zone to the Public Park and Recreation Zone. You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at the following locations:

- during office hours, at the office of the planning authority, Horsham Rural City Council, Municipal Offices, Roberts Avenue, Horsham 3400.
- at the Department of Planning and Community Development web site www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection.

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority.

The closing date for submissions is 7 June 2010. A submission must be sent to the Horsham Rural City Council, P.O. Box 511, Horsham 3402.

Kerryn Shade (Mr)
Chief Executive Officer

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Email council@hrc.vic.gov.au Web www.hrc.vic.gov.au

RESTORED TO GLORY

More than eight years ago, Mr Fred Opprecht, of Dimboola, found a rusty car frame, four wheels and a couple of mudguards on a farm near Charlton.

Most people would not have given the heap of metal a second glance, but Mr Opprecht did and you can see the result at the Motor Show.

He has worked 1800 hours to restore his find, a 1909 De Dion Bouton,

to its original glory.

First step in Mr Opprecht's massive restoration task was to find parts to replace those missing from his rusty De Dion skeleton.

This was no easy task because the model had not been manufactured for half a century.

But Mr Opprecht patiently gathered the parts from areas as far apart as Fremantle, WA, and Bowoomba, Queensland.

Submitted by
Allan Jolley

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Saturday 3rd April 2027 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

