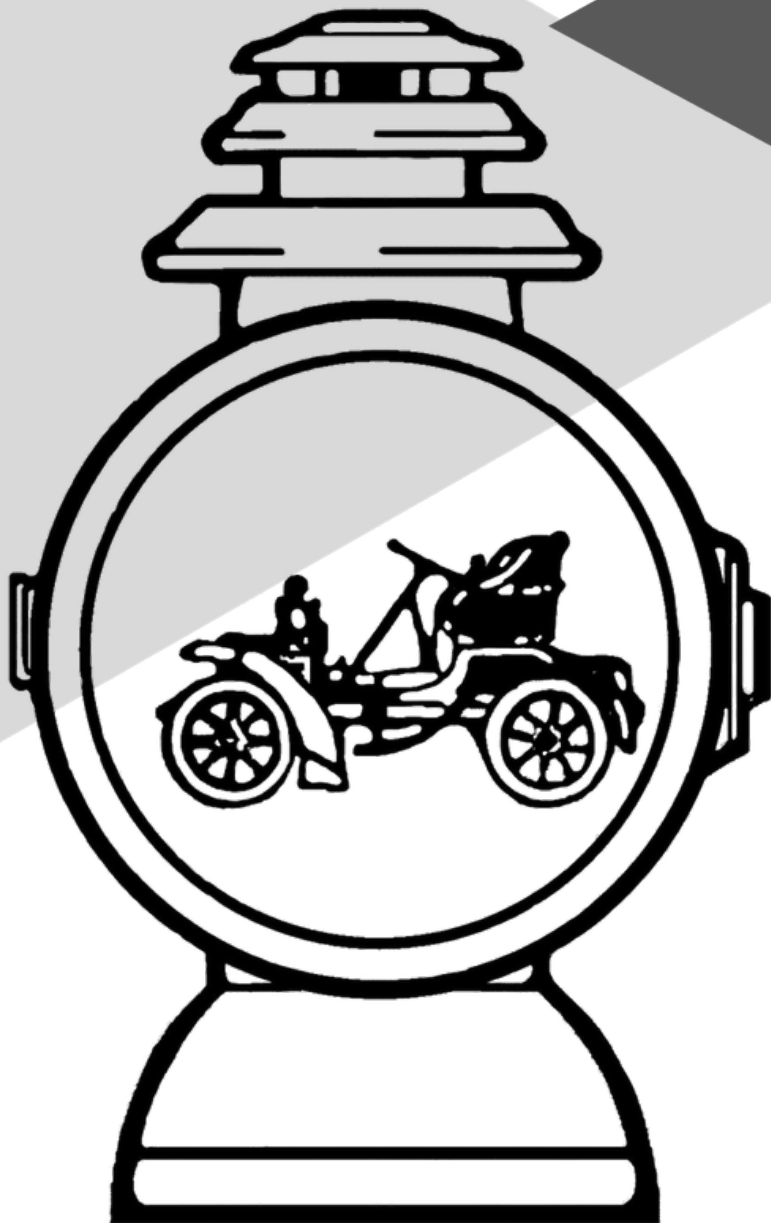


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“The Family Club”**

JUNE 2026



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JUNE RALLY

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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Friday of each month at the Shaw Street Community Hall, Corner Shaw Street and Kent Crescent, Wagga Wagga. All members, guests and visitors are welcome.

CLUB EVENTS

Club events are held on various days during the year.

Please check the "Coming Events Calendar" in this newsletter for details.

It is recommended by our Club and supported by CHMC that you

COMPLETE YOUR LOG BOOK FOR ALL EVENTS

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

The Club's Statement of Objects is as follows: For the association of persons interested in Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Post Classic motor vehicles. To encourage the restoration, preservation, use and display of these vehicles and associated literature, films, photographs, tape recordings and video tapes.

To demonstrate the capabilities of these vehicles by engaging in competitions including economy trials, regularity runs, observation events, motorkhanas, concourse competitions and vehicle rallies.

To encourage goodwill, friendship, and communication between members of this Club, and between members of this Club and all other persons, clubs and associations having like Objectives

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MONTHLY

MEETING

29TH MAY 2026

Held at Duke of Kent Community Hall. Meeting opened by President Charles Oliver at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: 28

APOLOGIES: 6

VISITORS: 0

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Craig Kelly, 2nd James Clay that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2026, as recorded in the May 2026 Reflection Magazine be accepted as correct. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

NIL

COMMITTEE MINUTES 25/5/26

Were tabled at Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

IN

- *Magazines – Temora Restorer, Klaxton, Bike Torque, Backfire, Weddin Motor News, Singleton Motor Cycle Club
- *Lockhart Show Society – Invitation to show on 27/9/26
- *CHMC Annual Rally 14-16/5/27
- *WWCC – Public Liability Insurance

OUT

NIL

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Chris Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted, 2nd Craig Kelly. Carried

PAST EVENTS

- * Museum Run – 3/5/26 – 2 people attended
- *Mid-Week Run – 20/5/26 – 8 attended
- *Craft Morning 15/5/26 – 3 attended
- *Rob's Shed Day 26/5/26

COMING EVENTS

- *Cruising Country Roads 5-7/6/26
- *Craft Morning 19/6/26 at Clubrooms
- *Rob's Shed Day 30/6/26
- *Run to Jingellic Hotel with ACCAW 28/6/26 - \$28/head
- *Lockhart Show Run – 27/9/26
- *Cooma Motor Fest – 4-8/11/26

See Reflections Magazine for more details.

RALLY -CRUISING COUNTRY ROADS

All going to plan. Rooms to be prepared on Friday & Saturday

CLUBROOM OPERATIONS

Nil

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Nil

EDITOR

NIL

ASSETS

Craig Kelly is organising for missing names to be added to the Leading Light trophy.

REGISTRATION

Registration Day Sunday 25th October at the Clubrooms.

As RMS regulations are getting strict photos will be taken of all cars on club plates during this years registration checks

- *AGM 7/8/26 – BYO Dinner from 6pm. Meeting at 7.30 pm

- *Membership Subs are due by 30/6/26 \$75.00

Meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Editors Notes

Hi All,

- By the time this edition of Reflection reaches our door steps, some of us will be all geared up for our “Cruising Country Roads” event over the King’s Birthday long weekend (Friday 5th to Sunday 7th June).

As we are all aware, this is a new concept replacing the format of our renowned June Rallies over the past 50+ years. It is an event that has been planned around the outcomes of our “Major Events Survey” conducted within our club last year, where the majority of members indicated they still wanted an event over the June Long weekend - but in a much simpler and more relaxed format.

I would like to thank Annie Taylor and her sub-committee who has been brave enough to stand up and implement a plan for this event. It certainly hasn’t been an easy task. The future format of similar events will depend on the feedback we receive from this weekend..

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Constitution states that Fees and Subscriptions must be paid before the 1st July in each calendar year.

Members who have not paid their subs before the 1st July will be deemed as an ***Unfinancial Member. There is no grace period.***

When you are unfinancial your vehicles are UNREGISTERED and UNINSURED.

Annual Subs are \$75.00 - and are due before the 1st July.

Get in now, so you don’t forget and get caught out.

Direct Debit Bank details for Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Club Inc. are:

Commonwealth Bank: ***BSB: 062600 , A/C No: 00900546***

Please include your name in the Payment Reference

- Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 7th August 2026 commencing at 7:30pm at our Clubrooms.
- Don’t forget that we will be looking for another Treasurer at our AGM in August. We are hoping that we have a member out there that is prepared to come forward and take up this very important role on our Committee. Same applies for any other position on the Committee - I am sure there are other Office Bearers that would love to have a break from their current positions – Maybe you’re the person to step into one of these positions for a while?
- Registration Day will be held on Sunday 25th October.
See changes on page 5 - plus more to details follow as time gets closer.
- Please remember that if you are in charge of sending the “Points Score Sheet” through to the Events Director for outings, that you also send a copy through to the Editor. Just take a photo of the sheet on your phone and text it through to me will be fine.

The following information is an extract taken from the May 2026 edition of

DRIVE Lite - Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS) and Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS)

published by Transport NSW.

Joining forces for safer Vehicle and Drivers

Transport for NSW and NSW Police conducted a light vehicle safety and compliance operation in Batemans Bay in March 2026, targeting non-compliant modified and defective vehicles. This was similar to the inspections completed on randomly selected vehicles belonging to 5 Historic & Classic Car Clubs inspected at Silverwater recently - with a very similar outcome.

(see article in our April issue of Reflection)

69 vehicles were inspected at Batemans Bay with 62 defect notices being issued. Of these, 45 were categorised as minor defects and 17 as major.

Common defects found included defective tyres, lightning and occupant protection systems. Some significantly modified vehicles didn't have the required certification to be deemed roadworthy. The joint operation led to four vehicles being deemed unsafe to drive, nine drivers detected with an illicit drug in their system, and three unauthorised drivers identified.

42 registered operators were also notified to bring their vehicles to be assessed for safety. 15 of these have since had their vehicle registrations cancelled after failing to comply with the inspection direction. The team also inspected a car that had two different cars joined together, where the join was significantly corroded. The driver was allowed to take the vehicle home where they will dismantle and scrap it.

The article went on to say that "this operation showcases our effective relationship with NSW Police and how we work together to target vehicle and driver safety. The high defect rate indicates a continued level of non-compliance and reinforces the need for ongoing targeted enforcement".

Now back to a reality check for all of us.

Do any of our members really think Transport NSW and NSW Police will **not** target our vehicles at some stage in the very near future? You can bet on it - it will happen! They will target every club as time permits - and it looks as if they certainly have a very valid reason for doing so, as some owners in many clubs appear to be bluntly abusing the Conditional Registration system.

Our Registration Officer and his sub committee check the road worthiness of vehicles registered in our club annually - and at a very high standard I must add - but it is your responsibility as the owner of the vehicle to ensure that vehicle is 100% roadworthy at all times. If you think you may have an issue with your vehicle - your Registration Officer is always available during the year to discuss any problem with you.

Don't leave it to Rego Day.

With stricter requirements from RMS this year, our club will be taking photos of all vehicles at our **Registration Day on Sunday 25th October.**

Note: All vehicles, even those with pink slips need to be presented on the day for photos.

More information to follow prior to Registration Day.

The Editor

Spirit of the Twenties Blue Lake Border Dash

Gerald and I participated in the Spirit of the Twenties Blue Lake Border Dash with the Victorian Vintage Drivers Club. This was a 10 day rally to Mount Gambier and Halls Gap. Over the 10 days we travelled approximately 1,000 miles travelling from Werribee to Apollo Bay, Warrnambool, Mount Gambier, Naracoorte, Hamilton, Halls Gap and finishing in Bendigo.

The Spirit of the Twenties was conceived as a tribute to one of Australia's great early motoring endeavours – the 1921, 1000 Mile Alpine Rally Trial.

While the rally does not seek to replicate the hardships of the original Trial, it does aspire to preserve its character. It is an event that embraces varied roads, occasional unpredictability, and the satisfaction that comes from travelling well-prepared and in good company. It is an adventure undertaken with respect for history and with a willingness to meet the road as it comes. It's not a race, it's a journey of substance.

A fellow Hupp owner from Melbourne asked us if we would like to participate this year. To take part in the rally, you must be a member of the Vintage Drivers Club. There were 5 cars from NSW participating in the rally, including Jim and Christine Hatton from Cowra. We took 2 days to travel to the start at Werribee Mansion and then travelled home on the day of the end of the rally in Bendigo. We had to be home in time to head off to the Pre 31 Autumn Tour in Orange.

The rally started in front of the historic and very grand Werribee Mansion. We checked in at rally registration to receive our rally pack including a very detailed and elegant twenties styled rally book. The rally committee had clearly spent many hours compiling the rally book. The book contained detailed instructions for each day and information on each town visited.

This well organised rally was attended by 52 vintage and veteran cars, the oldest being a 1916 Model T Ford. There was a wonderful mix of makes, including Model A Fords, Hupmobiles, Chryslers, Reos, Dodges, Oldsmobiles, DeSotos, Buicks, Chevs, Amilcars, Rugby, Nash, Vauxhall, and an Itala.

The first day was an observation run so entrants had to carefully follow the instructions and look out for points of interest. We were a bit stressed at times and the cars around us heading in every direction didn't reassure us. As it turned out we were the winners of the day and received a lovely trophy at the presentation dinner at the end of the rally.

This was the first of several interesting competitions held throughout the rally. They included a small gymkhana, duck smuggling across the border, average speed and fuel usage predictions, a round of mini golf and a hill climb event. The thought of the hill climb was concerning but it turned out to be a competition to see who could roll the furthest down a big hill without the car running. There was also a funniest photo competition. Our entry is included in the photos. The overall winners earn the privilege of organising the next Spirit so we were quite happy with our one placing.



The rally included some visits to local car clubs where the members provided the meals, showed us their collections and museums, and organised interesting activities. One of these events was a night-time navigation and observation run in Mount Gambier, finishing at their club rooms for an evening drinks and homemade snacks. This was another memorable experience, navigating on 6V lights with instructions that rarely mentioned street names.

As David said it sounding like a recipe for divorce but we returned to the clubrooms with a smile on our face.

This was not just a driving rally but also a sightseeing journey where we learnt about and experienced the regions visited. Highlights included visiting Cape Otway Lighthouse, touring the Great Ocean Road, exploring Mt Gambier including The Blue Lake and Umpherston Sinkhole, visiting Warrock Homestead (birthplace of the Australian kelpie), the Peshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre where we learnt about the volcanic rock formation of the region in preparation for visiting Halls Gap, another volcanic area. Other memorable moments included attending a moving ANZAC Day Service at Moornambel's cenotaph which included the last post performed in the Navy style where a trumpeter sounded The Last Post, answered by another player positioned some distance away, creating the haunting effect of a call across a ship at sea. We also unexpectedly found the annual All British Rally with more than 1,000 motor bikes on display.

The final dinner in Bendigo was conducted in formal 1920s attire. Entrants were warmly encourage to embrace the elegance of the era. The tables were beautifully decorated for the 20s themed dinner while a jazz band playing music from the 1920's ably led by a contestant.

Our 1927 Hupp performed admirably apart for a close encounter with a rock face -not Gerald's fault at all as we met an oncoming vehicle on what was essentially a one lane mountain track in the drizzling rain- and a cracking split rim, which made our trip home quite slow when our spare tyre gave up the ghost at Benalla so we limped home on the damaged split rim.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the Spirit of the Twenties Blue Lake Border Dash and made many new friends along the way. We saw and experienced a great deal throughout the journey and thoroughly enjoyed the destinations.

Colleen and Gerald Rainbird
May 2026

WAGGA WAGGA VETERAN & VINTAGE MOTOR CLUB INC.

Some blasts from past June Rallies.

WWVVMC Inc June Rally 2013



Lunch at Downside and what a great crowd.
Dinner was at the old PCYC.



1999 Rally

Nude Boot Scooting



1995 June Rally



Members performing a mock wedding - What a fun night.



Entrants ready to get going from our old club rooms on the corner of Morgan & Docker Streets .



2010 Lunch at the Carabost Hall.



Afternoon tea at the Burrandana Hall

*What goes 'Ha-ha bonk?
Someone laughing their head off.*

*What do you call a can opener that won't open?
A can't opener.*

*Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?
Because it would then be a foot.*

What a great team of members and volunteers we had over many years preparing beautiful and varied menus.

I do hope everyone has a great time at our 2026 June Rally.

Submitted by Val Fitzpatrick

Mid Week Run - 20th May 2026

The mid week run for Wednesday 20/5/26 was enjoyed by 10.

David ,Lorna , Ian ,Carol , Robyn & her Daughter Belinda ,Bill, Laraine, John and myself.

Morning tea was at the Cello cafe within the Southcity complex. We spent this time enjoying our m/tea & chatting before the busy calendars took over for some having afternoon appointments.

Our Lunch date was at Uranquinty Bakery ,so a nice little drive down to meet up with Bill and Laraine joining Ian ,Carol & us. Again a lovely lunch and chatter filling in our time.

A busy lunch stop, even got talking to the motorcycle riders enjoying their day out too,

Just happens one of them was a past member of the WWVVMC for numerous years.

Many of our current “older” members would remember Darryl Post , yep, more time chatting followed.

Another nice day enjoyed by those that could join us.

Check out the Coming Events for more details on the next “Mid Week Run” to Kurrajong Recycling Centre on Wednesday 15th July.

Submitted by Pam Tarlinton

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June 2026

Events Director **Colleen Rainbird** **0429202379** **events@wwwvmc.gmail.com**

CLUB EVENT

Date	Organiser	Details		
Friday June 5-Sunday June 7	Annie Taylor 0427 544 150	Cruising Country Roads.		
Wednesday May 20	Pam	No Mid-week run this month due to our Cruising Country Roads and Jingellic Pub events.		
Friday June 19		Craft Morning at 10 am. All welcome to come to club meeting room and craft or chat. Please bring a small plate to share for morning tea. Please let Colleen know if you can attend.		
Sunday June 28	Colleen Rainbird	Combined lunch with Albury club at Jingellic pub. Names to Colleen by June 21. Lunch will probably be an alternate drop of roasts and dessert, probably sticky date pudding and cheesecake for \$28 per head. We can pay on the day but we need numbers. Email Colleen if you wish to attend.	1	1-3
Monday June 29		Committee Meeting . 6 pm Clubrooms		
Tuesday June 30		Rob's Shed/Social Day. Bring a long a project, some morning tea and lunch. This is a great social outing- starts 9:30am	1	1-3
Friday July 3		Club Monthly meeting 7:30 at Clubrooms	1	1-3
Wednesday July 15	Robyn Petts 0429 313 997	Tour through Kurrajong Recycling Centre in Chaston St. Meet at clubroom at 10am. Tour will be from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Covered in shoes must be worn on the tour. Lunch at the Rules Club will follow the tour. Robyn needs to know numbers to inform Kurrajong.	1	1-3
Tuesday July 28	Rob Le Lievre 0419 445 625	Rob's Shed/Social Day with a difference. Temora car club members are visiting Rob's shed. They are bringing and we are supplying morning tea. If you would like to attend let Rob know for catering purposes. As usual, bring a long a project and lunch. This is a great social outing- starts 9:30am	1	1-3
Friday August 7		AGM. 7:30 pm Clubrooms. Bring along own dinner to eat at clubrooms from 6 pm	5	
Sunday October 25		Rego Day With stricter requirements from RMS this year we will taking photos of all vehicles. Therefore, all vehicles, even those with pink slips need to be presented on the day. Exact requirements closer to the date.		

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

July 10-12		ArtDeco Festival Leeton
October 24-25	Kay Sando: Ph 0438953020 bnksando@bigpond.com	Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club Inc Renmark Red Mud Run Email Colleen for entry form
October 31-Nov 1	Hoppy Hampel 0409 624 716	Detonator's Tiddler's Motorcycle Rally- Griffith
September 14 to 19		Hupmobile Rally -Orange
September 20-22		53rd Annual Spring Rally Wangaratta. Contact Ray or Colleen for more details
November 4-8	Rob Le Lievre 0419 445 625	Cooma Motorfest is on Saturday 7th November 2026 We will build a 4 to 5 day run around this event. Cost to enter a vehicle \$40.00 (judge/trophy etc) public entry for a look \$5.00pp. More info google Cooma Car Club, they run event. At this stage those interested need to book accommodation at Cooma, some rooms available at Nebula Motel Cooma, Phone 02 64524133. The event will travel through Corryong, Jindabyne, Nimmitabel and Cooma. Contact Rob if interested.
February 27-March 2		Kalimna Rally-
February 26-28	Chris O'Brien 0448 464 500	Tag along tour- Ballarat Annie Taylor has more info.
March 19-22 2027		22 nd Morris Minor National Rally- Benalla
April 11-17		Riley Rally -Wagga
SWAP MEETS- There is a Facebook page for Swap meets		
Sunday July 19		Wagga Swap Meet
Sunday September 6		Father's Day Swap Meet-Cootamundra
November 14-15		Bendigo Swap Meet

Remember to fill out your logbook before you leave your driveway as per our Club suggestion.

Watch your emails for last minute information and events!! AND check for cancellations, email or call organiser.

PLANNING AHEAD

Are you planning beyond the Club's Calendar? Here is how it works unless it is affected by Public Holidays/ Rally.

General Meeting: First Friday of the month, excluding January

Committee Meeting: Monday prior to General Meetings

Sunday Run: Sunday following the general meeting

Mid-Week Run: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Craft Morning: 3rd Friday of the month 10am club meeting room

Rob's Social day last Tuesday of the month