Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Newsletter

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

Dressed for safety on the Blue Lake Milling tour, Bordertown 25 October 2026.



Next Meeting: September General Meeting

Thursday 12 November 2026 at 8.00 PM at Dooen Hall.
Members, Guests and Public welcome.

President's Report

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying what sunshine we have had, the weather is certainly unpredictable at this time of year! One minute its sunshine and blue skies, and the next its cold, windy and wet. You never quite know what the weather has instore for us.

The Douglas rally was held early October, organised by Neville and Gayle Thomas, it was a well organised except for the weather, Neville asked the weather gods for no rain but unfortunately, they did not listen Friday which turned out to be cold, windy and wet, this did not dampen the enthusiastic riders, who most of them brave the following days to ride their bikes.

Morning tea at our club rooms was a huge success with a wonderful turnout of helpers who generously gave their time to prepare morning tea and chat to the entrants. A big thank you to everyone who pitched in to help make it the success it was. A big thank you to Neville, Gayle and their band of helpers who organised the Tour.

October has been a very busy month for Rod and I, we drove to Byron Bay for our Grandsons wedding and then home so we could attend the combined clubs tour in Bordertown last weekend.

The wedding held in the Hinterlands was beautiful as was the Bride, Amy who looked amazing, Cody our grandson scrubbed up well. The weather was great with rain the morning of the wedding and most of the next day. We had a wonderful time and travelled 3,800 kilometres as there is nothing like spending time with family and enjoying a special moment.

The Tour at Bordertown was well attended by our club members, sadly a few who were going to attend could not, due to sickness and injury. It was a well organised tour, and the rain did not dampen the fun we had. Next year the tour will be held at Naracoorte, put this in your diaries as it's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with our club members and familiar faces from other clubs and have some fun.

Our next event is our Cup Day Luncheon on 3 November held at our clubrooms from 11am onwards. Come dressed up in your finest clothes (ladies a fascinator) there will be a lot of fun and prizes awarded for best dressed. Cost is $10 per head that will cover lunch and a glass of bubbles. Names to Bruce Brody 0428 825 353 for catering please.

I hope to see you there or at another event soon

Kind regards

Maureen Lister-Warrick (President)

Pictures from Warracknabeal Show







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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
Tue 3 Nov 2026	**Melbourne Cup**	Melbourne Cup Day celebration at the Dooen club rooms. $10.00 per person includes lunch and bubbly. Put on your best clothes and fascinator's. Prizes to be won. Names to Bruce Brody 0428 825 353 before 30 October.
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
Wed 18 Nov 2026	**Visit to Aradale (historic) Jail**	Helen Curkpatrick requires names by Wednesday 11 November. Ph. 0143382567. For those wishing to travel in convoy, we will meet at the Burnt Creek wayside stop (just past the Laharum Road turnoff) on the northern side of the Western Highway at 8.15am for departure at 8.30am. For those travelling separately the tour is accessed by the Asylum rear entrance via Grano St, Ararat (not Heath St off the Western Highway). Our tour starts at 10 am and goes for about 1 ½ hours. Cost $18.00 per person, paid at Aradale. Bring water, hat and wear appropriate shoes.
Sun 22 Nov 2026	**Natimuk Tour**	Visit to 'The Old Garage Museum, Arapiles Historical Society and Climbing Museum at Natimuk. If you want to convoy as a group we will be leaving Super Cheap Auto at 9.30 am for morning tea at Dinky Di's Café at 10 am, then a guided tour to each venue and Lunch at the Natimuk Hotel for those wishing to have a meal. I will need numbers for the tour and for the Natimuk Hotel before the 15 November. 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.
8.00 PM Thu 10 Dec 2026	**General Meeting at Dooen Clubrooms**	Just turn up. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.
Thu 17 Dec 2026	**Vintage Run**	Vintage Run for the older vehicles. Contact is Neville Thomas

From the Editor

Hi All

I was thinking I would rename this column "the foibles of Dean" I've been home a bit lately and I noticed the occasional banging. I figured one of the neighbours must be doing something important. However, the noise was very consistent and I wondered what was going on. The banging wasn't too annoying but it did seem to go late sometimes. Then, one Friday morning, I was packing to go to Melbourne for a few days and I had a sudden thought "is that my gate banging". Yes, and a quick investigation revealed the gate latch had broken away and the gate was happily banging in the wind. I whacked in a couple of tech screws as a temporary fix and realigned the latch when I got back from Melbourne. Sincere apologies to my neighbours.

I've found it interesting over the years how people react to my cars. It's funny that the only time someone walked over to chat about my Mustang, they asked me "what year is the Corvette". I'm still not sure if they were joking or were trolling me. I've been to Bordertown for the Quad Rally this past weekend along with many WMHVS members. I had two people approach me about my XR8. The first walked up and told me the car looked great and he was jealous. I told him the colour was called Envi like it made people green with envy. The second parked next to me in Kaniva on my return trip. He told me had one the same colour come years ago and was envious. I said I was very happy with it.

Have you had any funny experiences with people approaching about your car. Send in the story for inclusion in a future newsletter. If you want to make a submission, I would include a "letters to the editor" section and you would be welcome to remain anonymous.

Speaking of Bordertown, the local club displayed a series of pictures of members with the cars. I thought this could be a great idea for WMHVS to consider. What do you think?



Also in Bordertown, I noticed these horse's heads on the front bonnet of a small car. My first thought was about a poor pedestrian getting impaled.



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 December 2026 Newsletter will be Tuesday 24 November 2026.

Dean Robertson (Editor)

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Special Members

Life Members:

Neil Smith	Rob Binns	Stewart (dec) & Cheryl Muir
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

Club Persons of the Year 2026:

Peter Anthony

Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball

WMHVS will be supporting the 2027 Blue Ribbon Ball through the donation of car rides. Members will be asked to nominate to carry people to the ball in early 2027.



Photos from the Douglas Motor Bike Rally





Photos by Helen Curkpatrick

Cars & stuff for sale by WMHVS Members

1963 Chev Belair

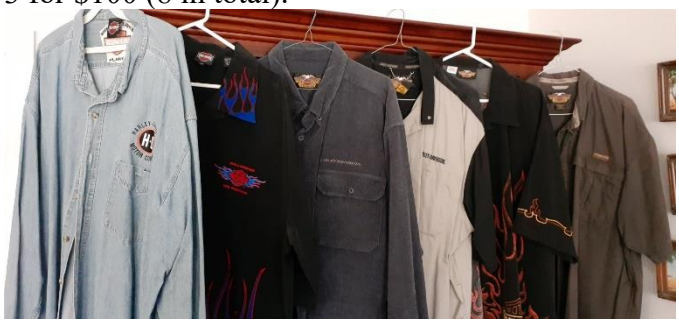
2nd Owner, restored fully by 1st owner. V8, great performer. $27,000.



Contact Mark on 0427 887 311.

Vintage Harley Davidson Shirts

Mostly 2XL & 3XL, some never worn. $40 each or 3 for $100 (8 in total).



Contact Dean on 0477 159 494.

2000 Holden Calais

One owner, 180k km, 6 cyl auto, $7,500, RWC completed not long ago. Eligible for club plates.



Contact Greg on 0444 739 338.



Visit to Ron Schneider's Collection

Saturday 17 October saw 35 WMHVS members take a visit to Ron's place west of Horsham. The collection is very eclectic and in various states. It includes cars, trucks, airplanes, and military vehicles. An amazing day.

Funtech Scooter



Beetle



Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC)



Row of trucks



Plane fuselage (wings on ground)



1968 Roll s Royce



Much more to see



Many thanks to Ron for letting us explore this amazing collection.

Dean Robertson



Photos from Bordertown Quad Rally 23-25 October 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.



Christmas at Dooen Hall



WMHVS is hosting a Christmas Lunch Party at Dooen Hall on Sunday 6 December 2026. We hope you will attend.

Your are asked to bring a salad or a dessert to the party.

Dress code is for a Christmas theme and please wear your name badge. There are prizes for best dressed.

Soft drinks and ice cream for sale or BYO other drinks.

Names to Bruce Brody by 6pm 2 December 2026. Ring or text 0428825353

NO RSVP MEANS NO FOOD

Names will be also taken at November meeting.

Minutes of the October 2026 General Meeting

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 566 – MINUTES
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – 8th October 2026

Meeting Opened: 8.02pm – 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, N. Eltze, B. Williams, I. Brown, J. Taylor, R. Warrick, D. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, E. Milbourne, K. McMartin, N. Thomas, L. Doolan, S. Hateley, R. Hateley, B. Brody, A. Jolley, V. Ellis, C. Ladlow, E. Pargeter, T. Rudolph, M. Schilling, J. Paydon, H. Curkpatrick, J. Brack, C. Perry, D. Perry, F. Tursi, T. Pollock, N. Slocombe, M. Atwell, G. Exell, J. Gasparini, A. Cannane, K. Grosser, R. Fidge, D. Cook, J. Schultz, G. Schultz, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, N. Smith, M. Boddi, G. Mills (45 members)

Apologies: M. Griffin, C. Kemp, C. Thomas, R. Binns, W. Reichelt, P. Curkpatrick, K. Duff, W. Gunn-Duff, V. Jolley, L. Hogan, S. Garwood,

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

Secretary's Report: Inwards Correspondence:.
September Invoice from Aus Post: Referred to Treasurer.

Outwards Correspondence:
Nil

Moved Sue Boddi that the Secretary's report be received.
Seconded Bruce Brody Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dean Robertson tabled his report detailing current finances.
Dean moved that his report be received.
Doug Mitchell seconded. Carried.

Dean moved that he transfer $10K from WMHVS General A/C to WMHVS Term Deposit when it matures on 19th October 2026.
Rod Warrick seconded. All in favour Carried.

Membership: Leigh Doolan had nothing to report.

Reports: OAMC – Neville Thomas – Neville will try to attend the next meeting of OAMC
Federation – Colin Kemp – an apology so no report.

Events: Jennie Mitchell gave an update on upcoming events.

October
Thurs 15th Nhill Show. Driver of display vehicle will not be charged admission but passenger/s must pay to enter the Show
Sat 17th Visit to Ron Schneider's property. RSVP required for catering please.
Aradale will be open again soon for tours – interest shown for a Wednesday visit soon – Helen Curkpatrick to arrange.
Warracknabeal Show was on today. Good turn up of members.

Minutes of the October 2026 General Meeting (continued)

Maureen encouraged all members to attend and enjoy planned events.

Bordertown Rally: Bruce Brody advised that the cut off for RSVPs for the Rally is 9th October. If you want to travel in the convoy to Bordertown on Friday 23rd October meet at Horsham College at 2pm.

Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon at Dooen Hall on Tuesday 3rd November. $10pp covers all food. BYO Drinks.

Regalia: Bruce Brody will be available after the meeting for all regalia needs.

Swap Meet: Colin Kemp an apology so no report

Clubrooms: Neil Smith reported that there are now 2 sinks in the Hall kitchen. One exclusively for handwashing and the other one for dishwashing. There is lots of paper towel in stock. Cloth hand towels are not to be used in the toilets from now on. New water tank and pump still to be installed.
Thanks to Elaine Milbourne for cleaning the toilets before the Douglas Motorbike Rally and to Ken McMartin for poisoning the weeds around the Hall. Thanks also to Aurelio Macchia and Russell Davies for their electrical and plumbing work around the Hall.

General Business: Mauro Boddi spoke about the Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball coming up on Saturday 13th March 2027. This annual Ball raises funds for the hospital in honour of fallen police. We need WMHVS members to volunteer to drive Ball guests from their home to the Ball. Rides are sold by the Ball Committee to raise extra funds for the hospital. Names of volunteer drivers will be taken at the November and December General Meetings. Let Mauro Boddi or Neil Smith know if you want to volunteer.
Also, the Blue Ribbon Ball Committee has invited WMHVS members to attend the Ball should they wish to purchase a ticket. The flyer with all information will be included in the November WMHVS newsletter.

Maureen Lister-Warrick spoke about Rob Binns's book idea for the 60th anniversary of WMHVS. Rob needs some volunteers to work on the book with him over the next 18 months. If you wish to assist Rob please let Maureen or Rob know asap.

Maureen thanked everyone who helped cater for the Douglas Rally on Monday.

Neville Thomas spoke about the Douglas Motorbike Rally 1st to 6th October.
40 people from all around Australia attended the Rally. On Friday they visited Natimuk, Saturday they attended the Murtoa Big Weekend and Sunday the group visited Sailor's Home Hall and Feery's Collection at Dimboola. Monday morning was morning tea at Dooen Hall Clubrooms, visit to Horsham Aerodrome and then lunch at Neville and Gayle Thomas' home. The members of the Douglas Motorbike Club asked Neville to pass on their thanks to WMHVS members for catering, warm welcome and commoraderie. The Rally was a great success.

Meeting Closed: 8.29pm.
Neville Eltze then presented a video of the true story behind the movie 'The World's Fastest Indian'.

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