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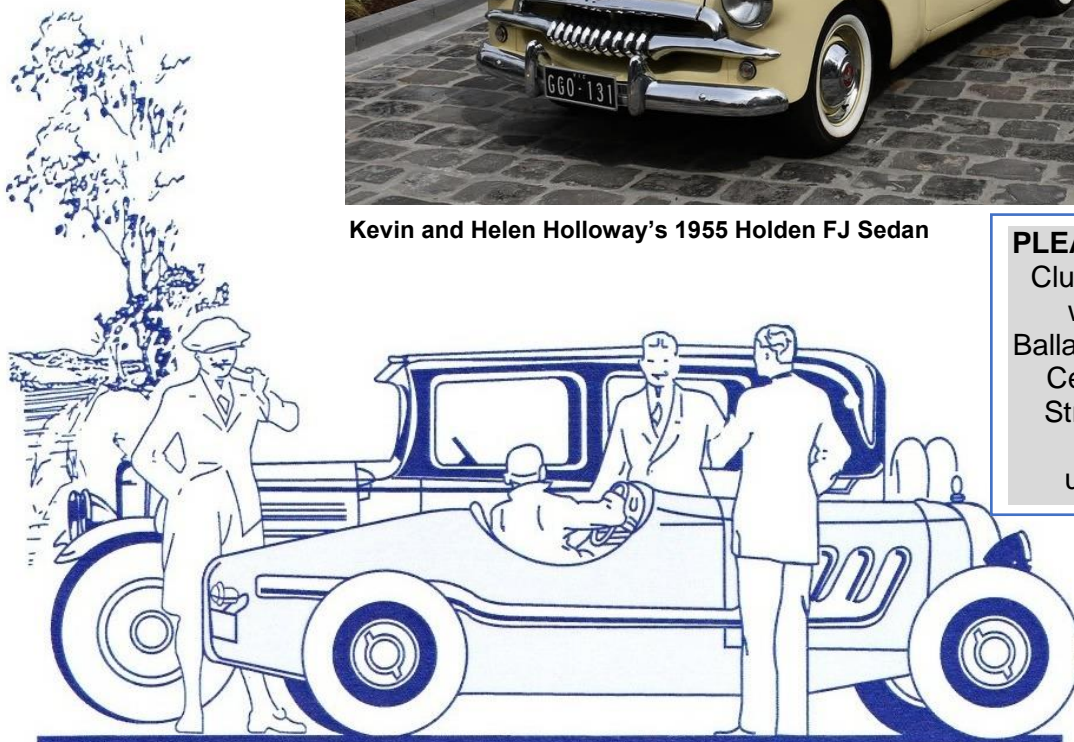
Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Kevin and Helen Holloway's 1955 Holden FJ Sedan

### PLEASE NOTE:

Club General Meetings  
will be held at the  
Ballarat North Community  
Centre – 702 Walker  
Street, Ballarat North  
at 7:30pm  
until further notice



Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month at Clubrooms, Humffray St. Sth. (Cnr Gladstone St.), Ballarat

## Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM

**NOTE:** The next General Meeting will be held **FRIDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### Note change of week!

**At Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North**

#### Life Members

Alan Firms, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec), Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto, Gordon Roberts and Bob Bennetts (Dec)

#### Newsletter

Articles for the **May 2025** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to **[npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto:npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com)**

*All contributions acknowledged.*

#### Code Red Fire Rating Days

Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Code Red** is automatically cancelled, and Members and Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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## EDITOR'S COMMENT

### URGENT - URGENT - URGENT!!!!!!

A Site Hut is required immediately for the redevelopment work of the Clubrooms  
Please contact **Andy Burns – 0428 935 988 ASAP**  
if you have one or know of one that is available for approximately 3 months.

March was a very busy month for the Club – the reports and photos will tell you more.

At long last, the Clubrooms redevelopment project is moving forward – see Brett Holloway's report on page 10 for the latest update.

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Easter – and with Anzac Day this month too – may we reflect and remember – *Lest We Forget*

*Nerene Backhouse, Editor*

## HEALTH MATTERS

### Welfare

**Rick Thege** is on the sick list this month – he had a fall, broke his knee cap and ended up with a pacemaker. We have also sent our very best wishes to **Celia Burnham** – following a very serious altercation with a cow. Celia and her husband Graham, are former members and have very graciously opened their property for our visits on many occasions. We sincerely wish Celia a full recovery.

As always, our thoughts are with those who are below par – we wish you better days.

### Bereavement

Our condolences have been conveyed to **Anne Jones** and family on the passing of her husband, **Martyn**, who passed away in early March following a battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with them at this sad time.

## VALE - Les Cole

It is with much sadness that we reflect on the life of Les Cole who passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> March at the age of 92. With his health deteriorating, Les had been in hospital for about three weeks. He passed peacefully with his wife Yvonne and son Bob by his bedside. Les and Yvonne would have celebrated 70 years of marriage on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Les was always on for a yarn and his knowledge was extensive on just about any subject. He particularly liked to ponder the design and function of things mechanical. His working life was broad and varied and perhaps his highlight role was that of a 'chicken sexer'.



A long-term club member, not even Les could remember when he first joined the VCCC, but we believe it was around 1985 or perhaps slightly earlier. He exhibited his AJS 600 motorbike at the 1986 Vintage Motor Show at the Showgrounds.

He owned numerous bikes both English and Japanese, and his classic cars started with a Vanguard, 1938 Morris 8's both Sedan and Roadster followed by an MGB, Triumph 2500 and BMW 735.

Les, along with Yvonne, and often accompanied by Bob, were very regular attendees at club runs over the years.

As per Les's request, he was farewelled at a private ceremony.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to fellow club Members, Yvonne, Bob, Stephen and Alison on the loss of their husband and father, as well as all the Cole family.

May he Rest in Peace.

*Noel Trengove*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

We have pleasure in welcoming the following as members of the Club:

1. **Dean and Yukiyo Bayly** from Cardigan who have a 1998 Honda Solo VTR1000.
2. **Peter and Judi Evans** from Miners Rest who have a 1980 Honda Solo CX500

A warm welcome to you all – we hope you enjoy your time with us

## AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The Committee Members discussed a number of items, and reports on the progress of several items which will appear further in this newsletter.

### 1 New Member Applications

There were no new applications received this month.

### 2 Donations to Peter Mac

Let's get the donation tin rattling. At the next meeting, how about you put some coins in the jar on the front table provided by Federation. This is a very worthwhile cause, and will help find a cure for the many cancers that affect so many people today.

### 3 Lake Bolac Camp Out

Emails have been sent to 11 clubs in the area inviting them to attend the Annual Camp Out – see Coming Events for the details

### 4 FOR SALE – 6 x 4 Trailer (formerly the club barbeque trailer)

Now that the Events Trailer is operational, the old 'barbeque' trailer is now surplus to supply and is for sale. If you would like to buy this trailer, talk to Tom Quinlan (see also Classifieds on page 14)

### 5 Club Run Etiquette

Following on from the article placed in the March Newsletter, the March Club Run followed the guidelines listed and received a good response from those who attended. If we continue to follow the guidelines listed, everyone will have an enjoyable outing without causing stress to other road users.

*Cheers*

*Nancy Jackson, Club Secretary*

## Cover Story – A Little Bit of History of Bridge Street Early Days

This one family-owned car has been in Ballarat all its life. Bought new at Wyres Bros Holden in 1955 by Fred and Mabel Walsh. The first generation were very proud and treated it with loving care until it was nearly worn out.

The second generation (son-in-law) started driving it at 16 when courting the daughter of the house. Eventually, the unlicensed driving was caught and a fine of Ten Pounds was levied (a week's wage). In this time, it participated in many "laps of Bridge Street" – the thing to do at nights and weekends.

These laps consisted of parking in Bridge Street and then "doing a lap" up Victoria Street and back down through Bridge Street (dodging the trams), and up Sturt Street to Lydiard Street, round and down again (with perhaps a bit of racing) to do it all again. I should mention here that Bridge Street then consisted of two lanes of parking, two lanes of traffic with a tram line up the centre. Unfortunately, this was all destroyed with the first incarnation mall. Perhaps it could return if common sense prevailed.



The FJ reminiscing its days of "doing laps"

The FJ was retired and shedded for some 40 years, covered in dust until 2022 when second generation decided it was time, and it was pulled out and given a full restoration from a very sad state to what you see now.

It now awaits the Third, and perhaps Fourth Generation.

*Kevin Holloway*

## Letter to the Editor

### *Why We should Support Our Sponsors*

Recently I had the misfortune to find myself the other side of home with a tyre going down and oil leaking from my car's engine.

Luckily, another Club Member (Barb Harris) was with me, and suggested we should seek help immediately.

The closest we thought was NEALE GOAD AUTOMOTIVE – Neale being a Club Member and Sponsor – so that was the best option.

On arrival at the workshop, (Neale was in the middle of a meeting), he drove my car into the workshop, put air in the tyre and topped up the oil, with no thought of compensation.

THANK YOU, NEALE. A loyal VCCC Member, and a great supporter of the Club.

*Jan Tamis*

## COMING EVENTS – April - May 2025

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 15.

**Club Events:** Please note that dates for events in April have been brought forward due to the normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month being Good Friday/Easter.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre – NOTE CHANGE OF WEEK because of Easter** - Please bring a plate of supper to share.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30-4pm – Lilly's at Eureka, Eureka Centre**

You can come with a project of your own to work on, or just come and have a chat – lunch and/or coffee are available for you to purchase. The afternoon is quite relaxing so come and enjoy some "you" time!

**Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Narrapumelap Homestead at Wickliffe**

We will leave from **Latrobe Street near Bendix** at **9.30am**. We have been to this Homestead some years ago but there have been many improvements since then – well worth a visit. You'll need to bring BYO lunch and some cash (\$15 per person) for the comprehensive personal tour with the owner, Kevin. It is just over an hour's drive, and with lunch and tour, we expect to return to Ballarat by about 4.30pm.

**Contact Ron Damen – 0428 552 358**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm – 1 Traminer Court, Wendouree**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Blue Bell Hotel, Howitt Street**

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770**

**Easter Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Display at Wendouree Neighbourhood House**

The Club has been invited by the Wendouree Neighbourhood House to display some vehicles at their Market Day from 9am to 1pm or whenever you can get there. They are trying to get it up like the old Trash & Treasure Market. **Address is 12 Holly Grove Wendouree West** - where the Men's Shed and Soccer grounds are.

**Contact Brendan 0409 018 867**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day – Lest We Forget**

**Next Month for the Diary -**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30-4pm – Lilly's at Eureka, Eureka Centre**

With the winter weather on its way, we invite you to come to Lilly's for a warm and restful place as well as a warm welcome. Bring a craft item you're working on, or just come for a chat – lunch and coffee available.

**Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Lake Bolac Campout**

You are invited to join the many campers at the Lake Bolac Campout. People are free to come for the whole time or just a day or any time in between. The Campout is open to any members with any type of accommodation, vintage or modern, the back of a ute or even a swag! Other clubs have also been invited.

Just a snapshot of the important details:

- the site is at **Picnic Point** not at the Caravan Park – Picnic Point is a bit further along. It is just a picnic area so there is no on-site power or on-site cabins, but power is available in the shower/toilet blocks to charge devices.
- there are no camp fees as such, but a donation box is at the shower block for your contribution towards the upkeep of the area – there is no government funding – the area is maintained by a Foreshore Committee.
- to use the showers, a \$5 "coin-in-the-slot" token is required, which I will have at the camp site.
- there is no need to book - just turn up
- if you are there on the Friday night, you are most welcome to join us at the local Hotel for Dinner - bookings are required - could you please ring me **0427 348 060** before lunch time on that Friday? Thank you.
- a big feature of the Campout is everyone sitting around the one camp fire, which we have permission from the Foreshore Committee to have again this year. And it is also a great way to cook your meals in camp ovens. The wood for the camp fire is provided, so no need to bring your own.
- we ask members to wear their **name badges** to make introductions easier for any visitors

For any questions or further information, please contact – **Nerene Backhouse 0427 348 060**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Snake Valley Hotel**

Make your own way there – lunch is at 12 noon – RSVP Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Contact Rick Thege – 0428 518 770**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Club General Meeting – 7.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre**

Please bring a plate of supper to share.



### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Club Run – (Trophy Points) - Lake Bolac Campout**

Leader required – departure point will be advised in due course.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Heritage Weekend, Ballarat (Trophy Points)**

Vehicle Display in the closed Lydiard Street precinct from 10am-3pm. Everyone and everything is welcome.

Please **Contact Brendan 0409 018 867** - if you can help with a vehicle. Several people to assist with marshalling would also be very helpful. Theme this year is vehicles that may have appeared on the “big screen” in TV or Movies.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – National Motoring Heritage Day**

As this day falls on the same day as our two main events, it would be great to have you participate in some way.

### **Looking ahead a bit – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Bus Trip to Winton Historic Vehicle Racing**

A 20-seater bus is being organised for the day trip to Winton. If you haven't been before, it is a really great day of racing – and for some – reliving memories of a past era. There is an impressive display of vehicles aside from the racing – and talking of racing, the public is allowed to go into the pits, which is great.

**Contact Brendan 0409 018 867** - as soon as you can to reserve your seat – it is a most popular day – costs are still to be worked out.

### **Other Events that may be of interest**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	All British Bikes	Maldon main street from 10am – 2pm
Sat & Sun 3-4 <sup>th</sup> May	Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally	Lake Goldsmith
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Bay City Swap Meet	Geelong Showgrounds 7am
Sat & Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Historic Car Racing	Winton (No bikes this year)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Hamilton Weekend Rally	“Settlers Run” – (worth going to)

#### **APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS**

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree	Phone 5339 2056	Contact Neale
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat	Phone 53337206	Contact Henry

#### **PAST EVENTS**

### **Mid-week Motorcycle Runs**

We have had 4 motorcycle runs since the last VCCC magazine.

On 13<sup>th</sup> February, several red plate bikes went for a ride to the Wallace Hotel for lunch. The “Petrol Sniffers” were also booked in for lunch on the same day so we decided to ride directly to the hotel to beat them to the food. It was great to see the bikes and the cars all in the one place. Car guys looking at the bikes, bike guys looking at the cars. Wind was gusting so it was a little uncomfortable but enjoyable.

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 40 odd red plate bikes ventured out to view a private motorcycle collection close to Ballarat. See photo at right of part of the collection. Proceeds from the BBQ on the night (\$350) was donated to Delany Troon's 21in21 (21 half marathons in 21 days) around Lake Wendouree in support of Ballarat Men's Mental Health.

5<sup>th</sup> March saw 29 bikes out at the Stag Hotel at Learmonth for a warm evening get-together. A Veteran Triumph through to a couple of nice Vincents amongst the crowd.

13<sup>th</sup> March saw 18 bikes headed to Blackwood Hotel for lunch. Great days riding. Good food and good company.

As daylight saving is drawing to a close, we may get another mid-week evening ride in as long as the weather is OK.

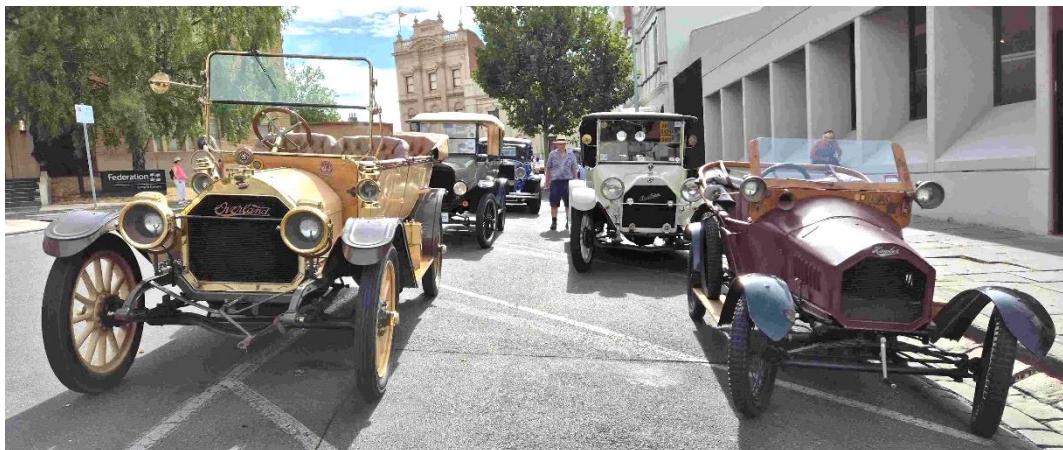
More daytime runs will occur during the winter months, if the weather allows.

If you want to join in, ring **Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001**.





## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Re-Opening Bridge Mall – Club Parade and Display



We were required to assemble at 11am in Camp Street in decade order. The official proceedings and cutting of the ribbon began in the Mall at 11am. Once that concluded we were given the signal to move onto the closed section of Sturt Street and proceed into the Mall.



Ian Trembath, Moyle Bunworth and the convenor, Mark Border wait for the signal to depart



It was quite something to drive in our old cars through “the old Bridge Street” – now called Mall. No doubt memories were racing for Kevin Holloway in the FJ





### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Display at Lucas Lifestyle Estate Open Day

The club provided 10 vehicles for display as part of this Open Day. Tea, coffee, juice, water and a continuous sausage sizzle (with the onion on top) was provided for everyone who attended. A generous donation to the Club's Building Fund was also made from the Lucas Lifestyle Estate. It was a warm, relaxing 9am to 2pm day. Thank you to all the members who attended. *Mike Simpson*



What an impressive line up! The cars – and truck – on display at Lucas Lifestyle Estate



Mike Simpson with Lucas Lifestyle Marketing Manager – Rob Dudley



### Great Western Winery - Club Run (Trophy Points) 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Club members gathered at the Doctors Car Park, Learmonth Road. The weather was pleasant with everyone looking forward to a leisurely drive to Great Western. Prior to departure everyone was reminded of the "CLUB RUN ETIQUETTE" and in particular "ensure the car behind you is keeping up".



Damian O'Doherty, Merv Sherlock and Andrew Brown enjoying a catch up at Morning Tea

Departing at 9.15 we travelled out the Sunraysia Highway to the Toll Bar Park at Lexton for morning tea. Neville Finch in his Thunderbird was there to greet us. A Coffee Van operated by one of the local residents had been arranged to provide refreshments. Our arrival provided some interest for the locals.

By 10.45 we were on our way to Ararat via Elmhurst. That didn't happen!

The designated leader of the run, Richard and his navigator, Anne-Marie, failed to follow the Ararat signs, turning left onto the Beaufort Road - so an alternate route ensued.

We continued on via Raglan and on to the Western Highway, not as

scenic as the planned route but OK. I was pleased to see all 16 cars arrive at the winery at around midday.

**CONRATULATIONS EVERYONE - WELL DONE!  
THE CLUB ETIQUETTE DOES WORK**



Ernie Peucker with Darren & Jono Miles at Lexton

A Guided Tour of the winery was scheduled for 1pm, so those who did not bring a picnic lunch proceeded to the café to be informed that the café was closed. Fortunately, there was some great food to be had at the café in the main street of Great Western.



A Tour of the cellars and the associated buildings commencing 1.45pm was worth the wait to hear the history of Seppelt and see the extent of the cellars - French fungus and all.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

*Richard and Anne-Marie English*



Enjoying the lovely gardens at the Winery - Darren Miles, Tom Quinlan, Mike Simpson, Louise & Jono Miles and Neville Finch



In the old building showing the original beams

### Attendees

Graeme Bell	1940 Dodge Sedan
Carl & Ernie Peucker	1954 Chev Pickup
Peter & Judy Fitzgerald, Peter Littlehales	1954 Studebaker
Darren, Louise & Jono Miles	1962 Daimler
Lyn & Mike Simpson	1962 Ford Cortina
Merv & Maree Sherlock	1966 Rover P5 Mk 3
Neville Finch	1966 Thunderbird Coupe
Mark Richmond	1968 Rover P5
Damian & Ruth O'Doherty	1969 Daimler V8 250
Jim Kellett & family	1970 Fiat 850
Tom Quinlan	1972 Mercedes Benz
Richard & Anne-Marie English	1977 BMW 633 csi
Nerene Backhouse	1988 Nissan Skyline Exec
Wayne & June Harrop	1988 Porsche 944s
Andy Burns & Lee Day	1989 Ford Fairlane
Andrew Brown	1992 Holden Statesman



Our tour guide at the Winery showing a very early wine barrel.

### Federation Picnic – Mortlake – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

After assembling at Dan Murphy's Car Park at DTC, we quickly got into our cars to get out of the very cold and breezy south-east wind, and departed on time. Because of the continued roadworks happening at the Glenelg Highway exit of DTC, we turned right out of the 'back' entrance into Valiant Drive then at the bottom of the hill, we turned right again which brought us back on track at the Glenelg Highway.

We cruised at a steady pace to Lake Bolac, turning left towards Mortlake. On arrival at Tea Tree Lake Reserve, we were given the information about the day together with a raffle ticket. Most of the day consisted of admiring the 93 vehicles in attendance, and catching up with members from other clubs – that's always a great thing to do.

Geof Baulch was kept very busy demonstrating his Quadricycle machine (above) as well as the replica of Henry Ford's "Kitchen Sink Engine" of 1893 that he made.

There were some very, very nice vehicles to drool over and admire, particularly the vintage. There were 2 Dodges that had travelled from the Dodge Rally being held in Portland.





Brett Holloway (Federation Delegate) was the MC for the day – following the acknowledgements, the raffle was drawn with a couple of our members being successful.

After that part was over, we were free to leave and each made their own way home. As always, it was a very enjoyable day.

*Nerene Backhouse*

#### **Attendees –**

Geof Baulch	1896 Quadricycle & 1976 Kombi
Brett & Kirstin Holloway, and Kevin & Helen Holloway	1913 Hupmobile
Roy & Mandy Littlehales	1939 Oldsmobile
Dale & June Collins	1940 La Salle
Graeme Bell	1940 Dodge Sedan
Merv & Maree Sherlock	1966 Rover P5 Mk 3
Ron Damen	1970 Valiant VF
John Taylor	1970 MG B
Tom Quinlan	1972 Mercedes Benz
Graeme Musgrove	1972 Holden LJ Torana
Garry Hayward	1975 Holden HJ Wagon
Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1986 Mercedes Benz 300SC
Nerene Backhouse	1988 Nissan Skyline
Wayne Lineker & Joy Oga	1990 Mercedes Benz 300SE
Frank & Jan Tamis	1990 Bentley
Geoff & Marion Merritt	1998 BMW 535i
Modern – Malcolm Bandy	

#### **Clubrooms Redevelopment – Update #14**

Where is the year going? March is done, daylight saving is ending, and Easter is upon us! April will be a slower month, due to the number of 'working' days missing - but they say "slow and steady wins the race" - and that is how we are proceeding at the moment.

Following on from last month, for statutory planning, the updated Energy Efficient report was commissioned (and received) and the amended plans were submitted (resubmitted) to Council. There was a response from Council that stated 'An Officer has undertaken a preliminary assessment of the application based on the information provided and has determined the application fees'. So, we know it is progressing when the fee schedule arrives! The need here was for the amended plans to be 'stamped' by Council to proceed.

And so, for the demolition, the endorsed ('stamped') plan has been received back. The VBA (Victorian Building Authority) have issued the Building Permit Number to the building surveyor for the Building Permit (Demolition). And the flow on is that our building surveyor has now issued the Demolition Permit!

With the demolition permit sorted, the demolition is next. The windows will be removed just before Easter, and the demolition will commence after Easter. The safe will need to be dealt with, and as it is encased in concrete, will need to hire a special jack hammer attachment to break it up for removal. The bricks will be removed and sent to be recycled/crushed. The stumps from the three trees on the verandah side will be removed at the same time. We will need a 'gate opener' during demolition, someone to open and close the gate(s) on the temporary fencing to allow access for trucks and equipment, whilst keeping the site secure.

Then for the 'new' side, the survey is still being completed, which will assist with the location of the building on site, the setout, floor levels, and for the retaining wall required on the south side.

For this retaining wall, plans have been drawn up by Tony and sent to the engineer, and when returned this will require a permit, although this can be stand alone. A materials list and works required is being prepared, and the pine posts along the drain will be removed in anticipation.

The production of the structure is moving ahead in the background. This is now fabricated and is off to the galvanisers. You know it is progressing when you receive an invoice for the progress payment (fabrication stage), in line with the schedule of works.

The Club has also established trade accounts with key suppliers around town (that have favourable trading terms and trade prices) that will be needed during the build, moreso when it comes to the fitout.

We will also need to establish a site hut - does anyone have a site hut that we can use for a short time? Required for a few months, between demolition and until the new building is at lockup.

And finally for this month, there is no further update on the lease at this stage. Council is waiting for a response from DEECA, I expect this will be linked with their formal site survey. I will check in and follow this up.

*Brett Holloway – on behalf of the Building Subcommittee*



John Taylor, Jan Tamis, Graeme Bell, Mal Bandy, Garry Hayward and Maree Sherlock catching up



Ron Damen, Bruce Kerr and Wayne Lineker working out the best way to go home



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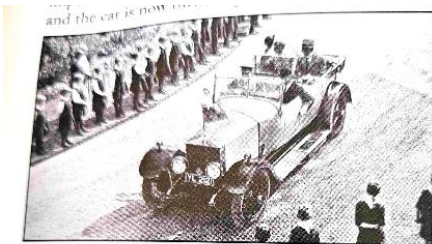
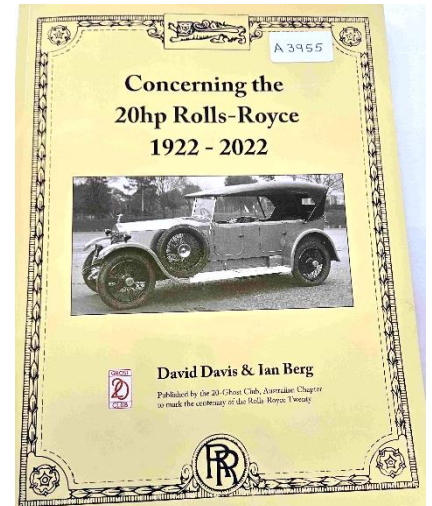
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Concerning the 20 H.P. Rolls Royce Cars  
1922 - 2022

By David Davis & Ian Berg

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to mark the Centenary of the Rolls-Royce Twenty  
108 Pages

At its formation in 1947, the 20-Ghost Club was the first to take steps to create interest in the smaller, cheaper 20HP Rolls Royce Cars, the Twenty, and it is appropriate that the Club sponsor a book as a souvenir of the model's centenary. The smaller model was very popular in Australia as it was cheaper, smaller, easier to drive and service than the larger car. A total of 122 cars were sold new in Australia, 75 of which were the early three-speed model. Many of those early cars were bodied in Australia and in many cases re-bodied in the 1930's, due to the shocking roads which destroyed the original coachwork, even though the chassis continued to be fully serviceable.



In 1926 the car was used by HRH The Prince of Wales on a Royal visit to Watford in the UK.



Pictured at a veteran and vintage event in Melbourne in 2012 not long after Chris imported the car.

While this local book has a distinctly Australian flavour, David Davis has endeavoured to present information regarding the Twenty, such as the origins of the smaller model, long-term ownership of Australian cars, the Rolls-Royce personnel who developed the model, details of Australian bodywork and which company produced them. David has also produced the Twenty technical data, as well as the factory chassis cards, chassis plates, and depot service sheets, with mechanical changes made over the cars production.

Rolls-Royce Ltd produced 2912 of their Twenty model from 1922 to 1929. In 1998, Bob Clarke and Martin McCarthy – two Australian Twenty enthusiasts – published a list of known Australian Twenty cars and came up with 133 imported, but at that time, only 121 had survived.

Ian Berg has also contributed substantially to the book, including the presentation of a fine portfolio of photographs of Australian Twenties, clearly showing the diversity of the imported and locally produced coachwork and early bodies, as well as their current bodies. It is estimated that 85% of Australian cars have survived, compared with only 44% of all 20HP Cars have survived worldwide. Australia, it seems, was kind to the Twenty! There is also a very detailed list of the Australian companies that built bodies on the imported Twenty chassis.



In 1922 the first Twenty to be imported into Australia was the 19<sup>th</sup> production chassis to leave the Rolls-Royce factory in Derby. Originally it was fitted with an Australian body as a



two door Smith and Waddington Saloon, which was modified to a four door Saloon in 1925. During the late 1930's, it was substantially modernised body wise. It was then purchased by David Davis, the co-author of this book in 1959. The car was then rebodied as a Tourer in 1963. There is a complete chapter on the maintenance and use of this car over sixty years here in Australia.

One of the last of the Twenty model cars produced in 1929 was originally bodied by Martin and King in Australia as a two door Saloon when new. It was then rebodied by Martin and King as a Coupe in 1937. The current body is a swept-tail roadster and is owned by Club Member Rick!

In the portfolio of Australian Twenty cars, there are 139 current cars and the third I am going to feature is a Hamilton Club car. This 1925 Model Twenty was fitted with a Barker English Tourer body and was the first production four-wheel brake and four speed gearbox 20HP and was used as the company demonstrator. In the book is a photograph of the car taken from the English Autocar Magazine of January 1926.

At some stage the car was sold to an American owner before being purchased by Chris and Rita White of the Hamilton Club in 2010. When we formed the Hamilton Club in 1970, Chris was a teenage schoolboy who was restoring a 1928 Austin 12 Tourer and he was one of the foundation members. Chris and Rita, years later, owned the Austin 12 Tourer AND an Austin 12 Sedan, as well as the Twenty Tourer. Both Austins are now back in Hamilton and Rita still has the Twenty, after Chris passed away some years ago.

*Ron Gay*

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*Gordon Roberts, Club Librarian*

**GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – Permit Officer, Richard English** has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

**First and preferred option** – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

**Second Option** – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

**Third Option** – Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.\*

**Fourth Option** – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.\*

**Fifth Option** – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

**VERY IMPORTANT** – When applying for a new Permit - PLEASE make sure you have ALL the necessary documents. This will save both you and the Permit Officer a lot of wasted time.

**NOTE\* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.**



## CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED

*All advertisements under Classifieds must include a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.*

***Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.***

***Deadline for articles – Tues 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – [nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto:nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com)***

### **For Sale –**

Shelley Vintage mechanical Jacks X 3	\$20 each
1968/69 Mercedes Benz full wheel covers set of 4 v.g.o.	\$100
1968/69 Mercedes Benz 280 headlight lenses & taillight Clusters	\$100
Metal trunk 600 x500 x300 deep	\$30
Vintage spotlight with mirror in back windscreen clamp on	\$150
1 amber 1930's fog light 6 ½" diam	\$50
Vintage Wilmot Breedon motor metre with radiator cap Morris/Austin	\$100
Set of Piston Rings Repco Flexite to suit 6cyl Austin Healey, Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth 3. 7/8" 020 oversize 2 sets	\$80 each

**Contact - Gordon Roberts - Ph 0409 773 464**

### **For Sale - 1937 Pontiac Parts**

Rolling Chassis with Holden body, all original doors, panels, upholstery, flathead straight 6 (original and a spare), gearbox X 3 (I think), Diff X 2

Numerous other panels and parts including spare nose cone, doors, B pillars etc.

Sundry other parts, workshop manual etc. Sold as a complete package only, not parting out.

Original wiring harness still in place.

Original Victorian registration plate rights available if the vehicle is restored.

Located Geelong, price negotiable.

**Contact - Bruce Newell - 0419 357 479**

### **For Sale - 1938 Pontiac 6DA Businessman's Coupe**

Selling on behalf of the late Bob and Joy Bennetts, VCCC members since 1992

Vehicle Number 91 of only 138 built

6 Cylinder Side Valve 28.3 HP, 3 speed manual, ODO showing 28,622 miles

Verdoro Green with Red Interior.

Restored approx. 1970 and has always been very well maintained and garaged with covers.

Registered to August 2025, private plates on the car will be changed over to new Victoria VicRoads number plates (unless sold unregistered) - no RWC supplied.

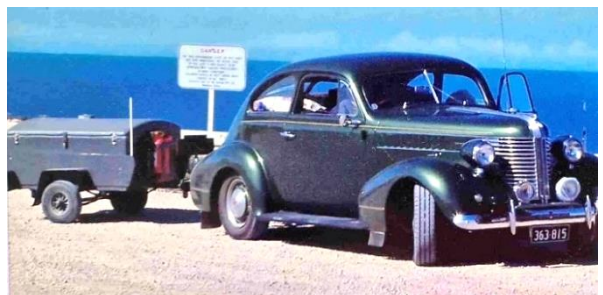
A very comfortable touring vehicle, used on many club runs, travelling all over Victoria, Tasmania and even a trip across the Nullarbor to WA and return.

Featured in various films, including the ABC Television Show "The Doctor Blake Mysteries"

Comes with some spare parts and the little trailer that dad had for the car. Rego 363.815 Chassis/Vin No 65875

Engine No – 471003 Price \$35,000.

**Contact Rhonda Holloway** (eldest daughter) – **0419 579 933** or email: [rhonpete@tpg.com.au](mailto:rhonpete@tpg.com.au)



### **Request re Star Vehicles**

With 2026 just around the corner, I am about to embark upon the restoration of a 1926 Star of Wolverhampton 14/30 tourer. I have been advised that Graeme Birkett, who sadly passed away late last year, restored several of these Star cars and I am very keen to see some of these and meet their owners.

My mobile number is **0419 371 787** and my email address is [tuckerrobert1@me.com](mailto:tuckerrobert1@me.com)

I thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer,

Kind Regards,

Robert Tucker

**Wanted To Buy - ARIEL motorcycle parts and Smiths PA speedo.**

Any condition.

If you have any other old motorcycle parts, let me know as I have a large network of motorcycle restorers.

**Phone Chris Ridsdale 0448 425 001**



**For Sale – 1990 Ford Tourer Red**

Vehicle is in good condition, has been stored undercover for the last 10yrs, manual, comes with soft top & hard top -however the soft top has a broken clip to hold it. A small piece of trim is missing from the base of the rear window & has a small leak at the top of the radiator. Currently has 116679km's on the clock, prefer to sell as is without roadworthy & price can be negotiable.

Registration number 3598H6 (Club Permit)

(TZK469 Previous Rego)

Engine number ULO1526134

VIN OR chassis number 6FPAAAUL01LS26134

Cash price \$6,000 – 7,000

**Please contact Sharon Lorimer on 0409 503 944 for viewing**



**For Sale – 1969 Mini Cooper S**

Includes Twin fuel tanks, Front disc brakes, 1275cc motor with oil cooler, Twin Su carbs, 4 speed box, 120 MPH speedo, and Smiths tacho, Vintage style driving light, Sitting on 10" mini-lites with Dunlop formula-R rubber. Period correct radio. Painted in BRG with white roof, \$48000.00 ono.

**Contact 0408 523 899.**



**For Sale – 1916 Talbot 4CY**

Well known club car with 2.6 litre engine. Two seater raceabout body with dicky seat. Goes very well now the overheating has been cured after new radiator plus rebore and cleaning out the block. Cruises at 50mph Spare block. Rego is 6-693 Chassis is 8449 Engine is 4 CY52 Price is \$35,000

**Phone Mike on 0480 710 213 or drmfarrell@hotmail.com**



**Wanted – Holden V8 Parts**

1. Bell Housing and 2. Cam Shaft

**Contact Brett Halliwell – 0413 662 758**

**For Sale - 1978 Leyland Mini 998cc**

Starts and runs well. One of the very last off the assembly line in '78 and first registered in March '79. Regretful sale to fund other projects. No Rego

Engine No. 99H889AJ-H001727

Chassis No. XNPAB18Y-100054

\$10,000

**Contact Ross - 0419176812**



**For Sale – 6 x 4 trailer**

Formerly VCCC barbeque trailer – neat and tidy – registered – U34 008 - comes with jockey wheel and working lights

\$500 ono

**Contact Tom Quinlan – 0405 644 696**





# CLUB CALENDAR – APRIL - JUNE 2025

For the Details of Events, see Pages 4 & 5; also refer to the 12-month calendar.

APR		What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Fri	11th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat	12th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Sun	13th	Club Run (Trophy Points) to Narrapumelap Homestead	Leave from Latrobe Street near Bendix	Ron Damen	0428552358	9:30am
Tues	15th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Thurs	17th	Rustless Wanderers	Blue Bell Hotel, Howitt Street	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri-Mon	18-21st	Easter Holidays				
Sat	19th	Easter Sat Market Display	Wendouree Men's Shed invitation	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9am-1pm
Fri	25th	<b>Anzac Day</b>	<b>Lest We Forget</b>			
Sat	26th	All British Bike Day	Maldon closed Main Street			9:30-2:30
<b>MAY</b>						
Sat-Sun	3rd 4th	Vintage Vehicle Steam Rally	Lake Goldsmith			
Sat	10th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Sun	11th	Vintage & Classic Display	Andersons Mill Smeaton	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9:30am
Thurs	15th	Rustless Wanderers	Snake Valley Hotel	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	16th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Wed-Mon	14-19th	Campout at Picnic Point	Lake Bolac	Nerene Backhouse	0427348060	
Sun	18th	Heritage Day (Trophy Points)	Display in closed Lydiard St	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	10-3pm
Sun	18th	Club Run (Trophy Points)	Visit campers at Lake Bolac	??		9.30am
Tues	20th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Sat-Sun	24-25th	Classic Car Racing	Winton Historic Racing			
Sun	25th	Bus Trip to Winton Historics	Book your seat asap	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	
<b>JUNE</b>						
Sun	8th	Naked Radiator Run – <b>NOTE change of date</b>	TBA	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10:30am
Sat-Mon	7th-9th	Kings Birthday Rally	Hamilton (Contact Nerene for	an Entry Form -	close 26 <sup>th</sup> May	
Sat	14th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30 - 4pm
Thurs	15th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	20th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat North Community Centre			7:30pm
Sun	22nd	Club Run (Trophy Points)	TBA	John & Gayle Pickering	0408914943	
Tues	24th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			7.30pm
Sun	29th	Fridge Swap Meet	Multi-Story Carpark Ballarat			

Events in italics are hosted by other clubs/organisations. Calendar info to Brendan Stevens by **25<sup>th</sup> of each month**



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